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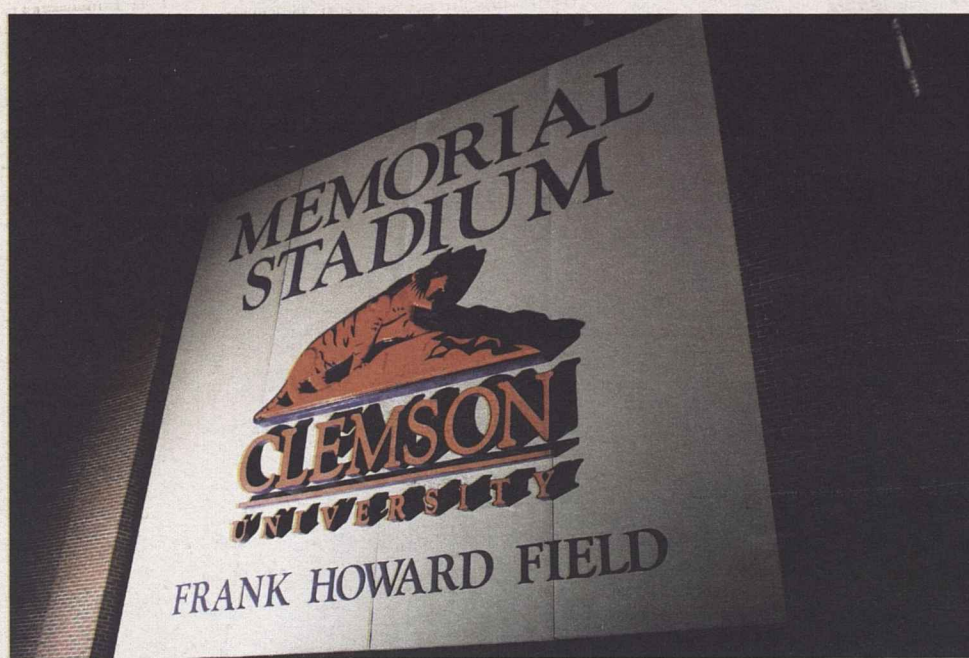
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University athletics contribute to academic budget and look to preserve program success.

Also central to the Athletic Department

"If by 'growth,' you mean success," said Hill,



The Athletic Department plans to cut excess programs in response to economic downturn.

Hill and other Athletic Department officials remain optimistic, however, in the face of financial crisis. "So long as our fans, and particularly our student fans, hang in there with support," said Hill, "We have the same expectations for athletic success as always."

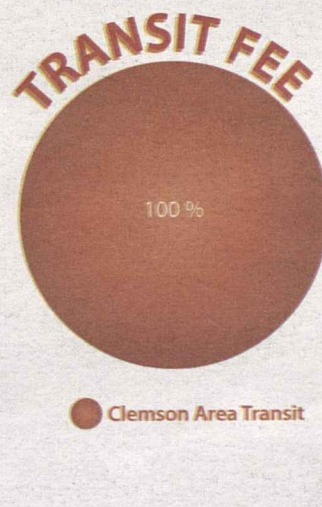
Boyd releases statement concerning academic cost allocation.

Of nine student fees reviewed, it was determined that the Health, Transit, and Library fees need to be re-evaluated. Other minor adjustments to some fees were also proposed.

The \$5 matriculation fee, paid every semester, goes to the State Treasurer and is

Students also pay a campus recreation fee of \$35. Boyd and the Finance and Procedures committee found that

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TOUGHEST & BADDEST BRAWL

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NEWS EDITOR

Fans and spectators of all ages flocked on Friday night to T. Ed Garrison Livestock Arena to behold what can only be described as the brawl to end all brawls. The Toughest and Baddest Brawl, an amateur fighting contest, brought more than 120 nonprofessional fighters to Clemson to duke it out Jan. 23 and 24 in front of one of the largest crowds T. Ed Garrison has ever seen.

Fighters were divided into three weight classes: lightweight (140-160 lbs), middleweight (166-199 lbs) and heavyweight (200 lbs and up). Donning heavier-than-regulation 16-ounce boxing gloves, headgear, mouth pieces and groin protectors, the brawlers met in the center of the ring ready to prove how tough they are.

An enthusiastic group of 4,000 gathered around the traditional four-rope boxing ring Friday night in

high hopes of seeing a knock-out. Participants fought for three rounds, and winners were determined based on a 10-point system judged by American Boxing Commission-certified officials and referees.

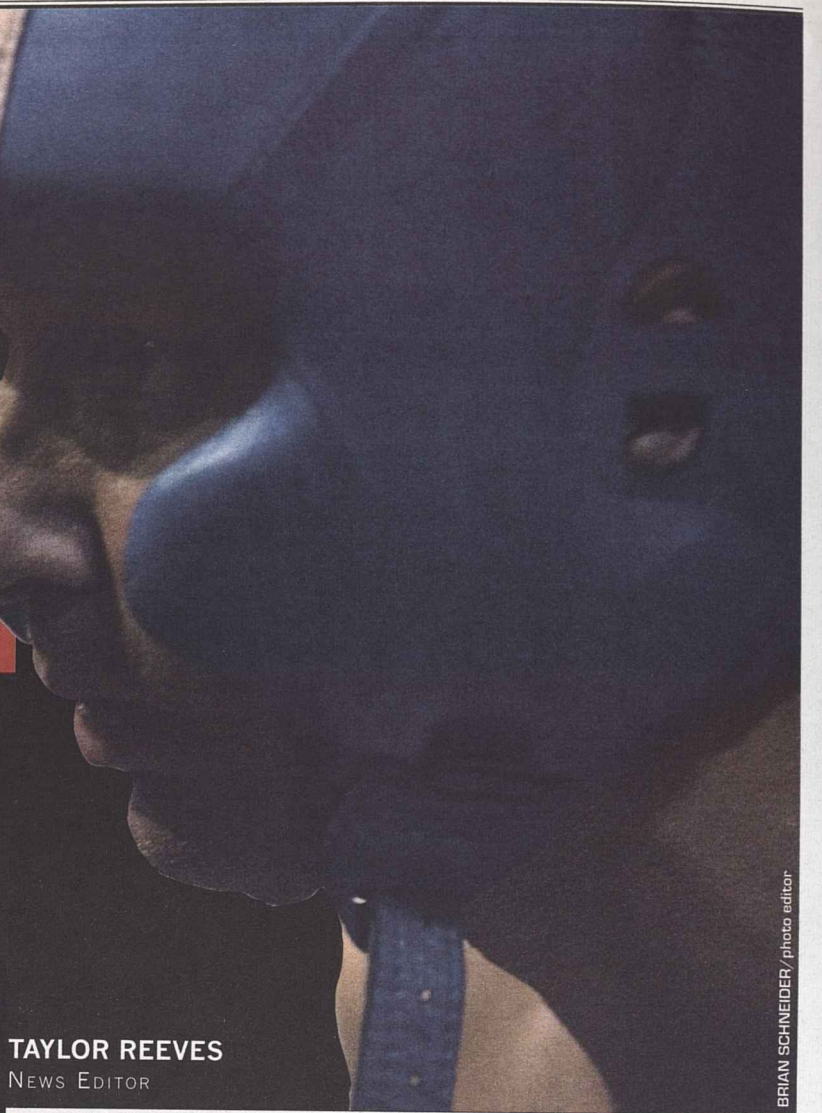
Friday night's winners competed once again Saturday night for a prize of \$600 given to each of the three division champions. Women were not permitted in the event, but event promoters hope to add a female division next year.

Though the atmosphere was oddly reminiscent of a school-yard rumble, the Brawl was far from "Fight Club" status. Two doctors were on hand to complete pre-fight physicals, and emergency paramedics were also standing by.

While many fighters walked away with black eyes or even bloody noses, most bruises were simply dealt to egos.



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FCA to serve in St. Louis

Students embark on a mission trip to aid those in need in Missouri.

SANDY HAYDEN
STAFF WRITER

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is taking St. Louis, Mo. by storm this spring break as approximately 350 students offer their services to the city. Participants will be working in homeless shelters, doing construction and painting, visiting cancer patients through the American Cancer Society, working in prison ministry and participating in other opportunities to serve the community.

As a thriving metropolis with great needs in the inner city, St. Louis is an ideal location for the annual FCA spring break trip. "It's a city that is very divided. About 40 years ago, the thriving stores in the city center moved to the outside of the city to cater to the suburban wealth. The city is forgotten," says Nikki DeLeo, FCA Mission Trip Coordinator. DeLeo explains that the poverty, gang and prostitution rates

grow as the graduation rates fall. St. Louis is known for having some of the worst public schools in America.

Though hundreds of students will be taking part in this trip, participants will be divided into small groups of 15. Each group will work together on assigned activities, the greatest needs being construction and children's ministry. Because the St. Louis students' spring break falls in the same week as Clemson's, some groups will even be working with students in neighborhood sports camps.

Junior Lindsey Maxwell said about the previous year's New Orleans trip, "You don't think it's going to change your life. You go down to help people, but I think I got more out of it than anyone I helped."

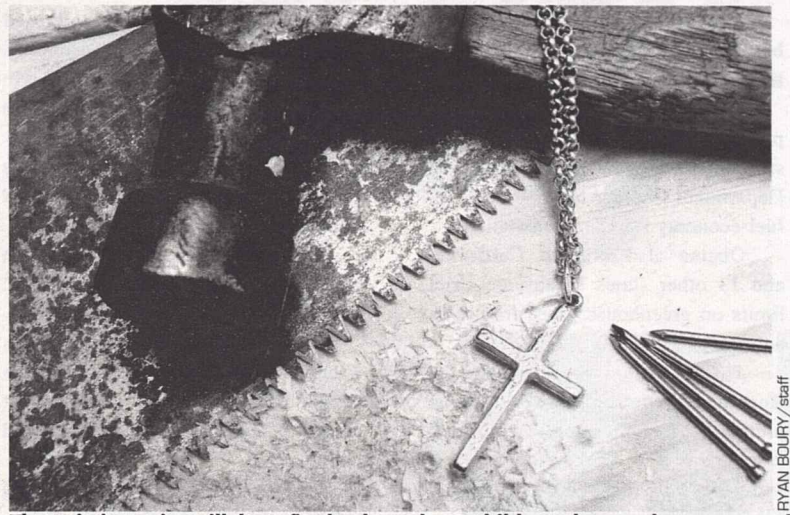
Groups that will be with the homeless ministry this spring break will be working with the St. Patrick Center, the largest provider of homeless services in Missouri. The Center provides vocational training and opportunities for self-sufficiency.

The clients of the St. Patrick Center staff restaurant McMurphy's Grill, which has been open since 1990 in order to serve as a means of training for the homeless and mentally ill in the restaurant industry.

Students going to St. Louis will not only have the opportunity to serve the community, but will also get to enjoy some of the attractions of the city, including the acclaimed Forest Park. Vans will leave Clemson for Missouri on Saturday, March 14, and return on the 19, leaving several days for students to utilize before classes resume. The daily schedule includes daytime service activities and evening worship with a speaker.

Between generous sponsors and annual fundraisers, like the March barbeque, the cost of the trip is strikingly low. Groups are required to send out support letters to raise money for the trip, leaving each student to pay \$195 each, a price that amounts only to the hotel expenses.

The deadline for sign-ups is Feb.



The mission trip will benefit the homeless, children, battered women and those in need of home repairs. Photo illustration.

5, and the trip is not limited to those involved with FCA. All are welcome to take part. More information on how to sign up can be found on the FCA Web site: www.clemsonfca.org.

"This trip gives meaning to what you do on spring break. As Christians, we're called to do things

out of the norm. We're doing it because we know there's an alternative to the life people are living," DeLeo said. "There's something better. We're going to St. Louis to show the people there that they don't have to settle for what the city's selling them."

Shaping the student body

Tiger Fitness Challenge promotes a healthier lifestyle.

CARLEE ROSEN
STAFF WRITER

Ever since students and faculty came back from Winter Break, Fike Recreation Center has been running out of equipment. There has been a shortage on basketballs, racquetballs and even towels.

This is a result of the increase of people going to Fike to work out. Fike Recreation worker Brittany Porter said that right after Christmas break is one of the busiest times of the year. Clemson

students want to look good and be healthy for the New Year.

But this year, students, faculty, staff and community members can accomplish that goal in places other than just the gym.

Jan. 14 was the beginning of the Tiger Fitness Challenge, a competition that encourages people to focus on the other dimensions of health and wellness.

The Challenge is one of the first attempts in a new university-wide Healthy Campus Initiative, which

focuses on the connections between health and wellness, sustainability and social justice.

In order to participate in the challenge, students and community members can either download a scorecard online or pick one up from Fike Recreation, Center Harcombe and Schilleter dining halls, or Redfern Health Center.

"There is much more to good health than just losing weight and exercising," said Jennifer Goree of Redfern Health Center's health promotions office.

In addition to exercising, the score-

card also keeps track of things like choosing healthy meals, volunteering time and partaking in stress-relieving activities.

"We want to challenge people to look at health in a holistic way," Goree said. "Good health isn't just about how much you weigh on a scale or how many minutes you put in at the gym."

The Challenge ends on March 4, and students that have earned more than 500 points will be entered into a prize drawing for a Nike + iPod Nano Fitness Pack, which includes a pair of

Nike shoes, an iPod Nano and a pedometer. Additionally, the first 100 people to turn in their scorecard will receive a free pedometer.

Goree thinks that the Tiger Fitness Challenge will help to raise awareness of the different dimensions of health, such as physical, emotional, environmental, spiritual, social and intellectual.

"The issues of eating disorders are pretty high on college campuses," Goree said. "I think the idea of getting away from the focus of only weight on fitness is really important."

Tigris Scientifica

The Plight of the Parasite

HOLLY TUTEN
STAFF WRITER

Pubic lice are going extinct. This may seem like a good thing, but what if researchers could develop a novel blood-thinning agent from these blood-sucking pests? In late 2004, *Brugia malayi*, a causative agent of elephantiasis, was the first parasitic nematode to have its entire genome sequenced. Understanding the cloak of invisibility this worm uses to dodge the immune system may revolutionize organ transplants. Other human parasites could provide treatments for asthma, anaphylaxis, inflammatory bowel disease and arthritis. And the "Hygiene hypothesis" states that allergic diseases (e.g., eczema) are less common in children exposed to parasites in their environment. Although no plans are in place to deliberately infect people, the anti-inflammatory arsenals of parasites are being investigated. In order to better understand how to manipulate human physiology, researchers study the manipulative masterminds, human parasites.

Parasites can also help improve environmental health and animal studies. Intestinal worms of fish may be used in the near future to monitor heavy metal pollution in waterways, because they are natural accumulators of these toxins. It has been proposed that parasites form the basis of complex food webs, although they are often overlooked in biodiversity studies. Dr. Armand Kuris and his colleagues reported in the journal *Nature* this year that in total, parasite mass in estuaries exceeds the mass of all estuarine birds. Even mosquitoes are an embedded link

in many food chains. Mosquito larvae are found in almost all water bodies. These larvae are eaten by other insects, amphibians and fish. Adult mosquitoes are eaten by insects, bats and birds. Male mosquitoes drink nectar instead of blood and pollinate plants in the process. Parasites can also help us understand species distributions. Dr. Patricia Parker and coworkers at the University of Missouri used bird lice to determine when birds differentially colonized nine Galapagos islands. For hosts that are difficult to study in captivity or track in the wild, they can lend a helping hand. Some worms with multiple life-stages in different hosts were used as "biological tags" in studies on fish migration. And zoological parks are using assassin bugs as living syringes to get blood samples from animals. They may also open a door to the past. The aforementioned pubic louse has provided researchers with clues to an extinct species of early humans. The endangered right whale has a parasitic crustacean that provided a genetic snapshot of the whale's evolutionary history.

Many animals host more than one parasite. Parasites as a group are especially vulnerable to extinction, because most are exquisitely specialized. If their host goes extinct, they will, too. There are currently an estimated 6,300 species of parasites and affiliate species that are "co-endangered." Some parasites may even precede their host to extinction due to conservation efforts which inadvertently exclude them. When the last California condors were taken into captivity in 1987, their lice went extinct. Now the world can never know what was lost.

Need Physical Therapy?



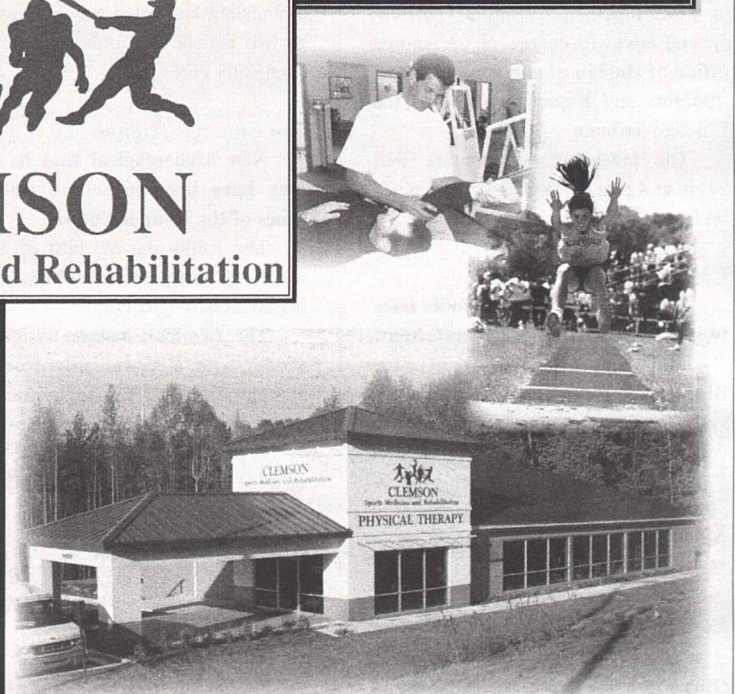
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Weekly World Update

Nation on Point

The New York Times

Recent regulations widen gap between old and new administration.

President Barack Obama signed a presidential memorandum setting very strict regulations on the Transportation Department in order to impose higher fuel-economy standards on vehicles.

Obama also ordered California and 13 other states to enforce strict limits on greenhouse gases from cars and trucks.

This regulation was rejected in the Bush administration. However, some predict the new president will order a complete review on the memorandum and other bills rejected by the former president.

Regulations to be carried out in the new year include the implementation of a law passed in 2007 that requires an improvement in gas mileage for cars and light trucks to reach 40 percent by 2020.

President Obama has already changed many things from the former administration, such as the closing of the Guantanamo Bay facility and tightening of CIA interrogation tactics.

These new regulations are only some of the coming changes for the next four years, as President Obama promised in his campaign.

The Chicago Tribune

The coming Super Bowl makes Tampa, Fla., one of the safest places in the country.

Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. will be very well protected this Sunday as the high-profile game makes it an attractive target for terrorists. Since Sept. 11, 2001, heavy security has been quite typical.

Approximately 20 federal agencies will help the local police in Tampa to secure the premise by aiding in many duties, from protecting airspace to arresting vendors selling counterfeit souvenirs.

Football fans are not the only ones who have been waiting and planning for the Super Bowl. Plans for the security of the big game have been in process for two years.

"Like every team that makes it to the Super Bowl, we've all been working together and we've been planning and training for almost two years to work together," Virginia O'Brien, special agent in charge of the Tampa office of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said to the Chicago Tribune.

The pre-game commentary will begin at 4 p.m. Kickoff will take place on Sunday, Feb. 1 at 6:18 p.m.

CNN

Sen. Blagojevich of Illinois tries to sell Barack Obama's Senate seat.

The impeachment trial for Blagojevich is under way, although he views himself as innocent and having done nothing wrong.

He has interviewed with numerous media including "Good Morning America," "The View" and CNN's "Larry King Live."

"I'm not guilty of any criminal wrongdoing," Blagojevich, who is accused of trying to sell President Obama's former Senate seat, said to King. "I'm entitled to a presumption of innocence."

On both of his ABC interviews, he explained the reasoning behind offering Oprah the open senate seat.

"I was trying to think outside of the box. The idea came to me from a friend who suggested Oprah—it wasn't my idea," said Blagojevich to CNN.

Winfrey was told of the proposal through a friend and said she "found the whole ordeal amusing."

She later told the press that if a formal offer had been made, she would have turned it down.

World in Review

BBC

Iceland's government collapsed from crushing impact of the economy.

Commerce Minister Bjorgvin Sigurdsson resigned on Sunday due to pressures of the economic downturn.

In addition to this loss, Sigurdsson's cabinet has also resigned, leaving Iceland in political turmoil.

The trouble began last year when the global markets took a turn for the worse.

In October of 2008, the country's financial system collapsed under the weight of debt that led to inflation that caused a rapid unemployment rate and daily protests.

Historically, Iceland has not and is not a member of the European Union. However, last month the European Union Enlargement Commissioner Olli Rehn said that the country may apply for membership as soon as this year.

President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson of Iceland told the press that he would not give any party a mandate to start forming a new government until at least Tuesday.

The New York Times

Deadly parasite is showing resistance to malaria drugs.

Researchers find that the newest and best drug on the market does not help some cases of malaria.

Over the past few years, combination treatments using artemisinin, a drug extracted from a Chinese plant used in traditional medicine, has been the best option for eliminating the disease from Africa.

However, studies now show that artemisinin is losing its effectiveness, especially in undeveloped areas of Cambodia. In fact, a certain type of this malaria is quite resistant to the new drug.

Some experts are even predicting the global spread of malaria if researchers cannot find another cure.

This disease kills almost 2,000 children daily in Africa and more in other countries without developed health systems.

Many doctors and researchers are working quickly to find a new drug in case the current one does in fact fail, however, this prospect is unlikely to happen in the near future.

The studies are only showing early resistance to the drug and the only time artemisinin has failed was in treatments of two people in Cambodia who were eventually cured.

The Chicago Tribune

New archeological find in Israel may have been preserved since the times of the Roman Empire.

The 1,800-year-old bust of a male was found in Jerusalem on Monday during an archeological dig.

The two-inch marble bust depicts a man with a short, curly beard and almond-shaped eyes. Authorities said that the man may portray a boxer.

"The high level of finish on the figurine is extraordinary, while meticulously adhering to the tiniest of details," said Doron Ben-Ami and Yana Tchekhanovets, directors of the excavation, in a joint statement released Monday.

The type of marble out of which the figurine bust was carved is of a pale yellow color and was probably carried to Jerusalem by a merchant.

The bust, authorities say, could have been used as a weight for a hanging scale, as was common in the Roman period.

The directors also said that this was a "unique find."

Nothing else like this had ever been found in Israel.

The dig site is located in a former parking lot in the Palestine area of Silwan in east Jerusalem.

The figurine was discovered in the ruins of a building destroyed in the fourth or fifth century by an earthquake.

TIGER BRIEFS

CLEMSONLIVE will be showing monthly movies starting with "The Goonies."

The movie will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, in McKissick Theater. This movie will be the third movie CLEMSONLIVE has shown this month. All that is needed for admittance is a CUID, but come early for better seating. Blockbuster gift cards will be given away, and there will be, as always, free popcorn!

Conference concerning global warming will be broadcasted to Clemson.

Those interested in learning more about this global phenomenon should come to the Hendrix Center from 9:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5. The conference will discuss solutions for the global warming crisis and feature a film

series that will include "The Story of Stuff," "Affluenza," "The End of Suburbia" and more.

Clemson University choral program will be putting on a POPS concert.

The singing groups at Clemson will showcase a fun program from all genres such as jazz, spirituals, oldies and contemporary pop music. Come out and support the arts on Friday, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Brooks Center.

Deadline for entry into Science as Art competition is coming soon.

The Science as Art 2009 competition is open to faculty and students who wish to present a piece of art that expresses an interesting scientific notion or event. Entries can include photography, illustrations, electronic media, or explanatory graphics. The

winners in each category receive gift certificates from local vendors. The deadline for entries is March 6. Those interested in entering a piece of art into this competition should go to the following Web site for registration forms: <http://www.clemson.edu/ese/cp/saa/>.

Clemson Philanthropy and Service Council will be holding a campus-wide service day.

Clemson students can volunteer on Saturday, March 7 across the community and on campus. Those who are interested in signing up should either contact Gerren McHam at cpssc@clemson.edu or pick up a registration form at the Student Union. Registration ends by Feb. 6.

Students for Environmental Awareness-100 Days: National Teach-in Kickoff

"100 Days For Environmental Change" will be broadcasted from Tillman Hall on Feb. 4 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. This documentary is an exciting look at Barack Obama's first 100 days in office as President of the United States. It will have a special look into America's new policy on Climate Change.

On this day in History

1815 - Burned Library of Congress is reestablished with Jefferson's 6,500 volumes.

1917 - First jazz record recorded by Dark Town Strutters Ball.

1933 - "Lone Ranger" begins a 21-year run on ABC radio.

1961 - John F. Kennedy asks for an Alliance for Progress and a Peace Corp.

2005 - The first parliamentary elections in Iraq since 1958 are held.



Omicron Delta Kappa is a national leadership honor society which recognizes excellence in leadership in major areas of student life including academics, athletics, communication, creativity, and service to the University and community. Membership in this society comes with both honor and responsibility.

If you have served as a leader on Clemson's campus in any of the areas listed above, we invite you to apply to our organization. Applications will be sent out to those eligible on Monday, February 2nd and will be due on February 11th. We look forward to hearing from you.

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the funds provide Fike Recreation Center with roughly 60 percent of its annual revenue.

This allows students to take fitness classes and participate in intramurals at no cost.

The information technology fee, \$115 for sophomores, juniors and seniors, is used to maintain current information systems.

According to the data compiled by the Finance and Procedures committee, this includes Blackboard, ePortfolio, personal computer repair and help desk, data storage and Internet connectivity.

This fund has increased over the past year, and Boyd suggested this fee be evaluated.

One of the fees most questioned was the transit fee. Currently students pay \$33.50 per semester.

All of this money, approximately \$1.1 million, goes directly to funding Clemson Area Transit (CAT).

CUSG asked for this fee to be instituted in October 2005 and was passed by the Board of Trustees in February 2006.

However, instead of creating revenue in addition to the selling of parking passes, CUSG is concerned that it has merely replaced this. Boyd asked that major adjustments be made to the allotment of this fee.

Boyd said it was clear the transit fee is not being used the way it was intended, and an increase in faculty parking rates has still not happened.

"Our goal is to ensure not only that we are responsible for being good stewards of your money, but so is CAT and the City of Clemson," Geary Robinson, director of Parking Services, said.

"Additionally, I can tell you all of us seek student input from outside of student government on how to make sure we are good stewards of these dollars, allowing us to have the most transit service for the revenue we receive."

The \$50 library fee is used to maintain power and network capabilities for Cooper Library.

Part is also used to install more power outlets and provide more research databases and smart classrooms.

It was recommended that a written policy be created to allow more student control over this fee.

Also, it was suggested that fresh-

men also pay this fee to reduce the overall cost per student.

The health fee was also evaluated and questioned.

For \$131 each semester, students are provided with a staff of doctors and nurses with no charge per office visit.

In addition, mental health services and educational services are available.

According to the executive summary, there is little student input on how the health fee is used. Currently, a budget is drafted by Redfern and approved by Student Affairs, Administrative Council and the Board of Trustees.

In order to improve the use of the health fee, Boyd suggested Redfern work closer with CUSG on how the funds are spent.

George Clay, Executive Director of Student Health Services, responded to the review of the health fee.

"I completely agree that CU students should have an active role in planning and decisions about the use of their health fee dollars, as well as in evaluation of the quality and effectiveness of the programs and the services provided with those resources."

Clay also said that Redfern and CUSG met in the fall to discuss future allocation of the fee.

At \$1,000 per semester for students within the college, the CBBS fee is used according to the recommendations of the CBBS Student Advisory Committee. It is capped at \$4,000 for a student's time at Clemson.

Students taking a class within this college also pay \$100 per credit hour for 300 and 400-level classes.

Professional development opportunities, department projects and additional faculty hires are a direct result of this fee.

Boyd's report advised that 300 and 400-level classes be taught by professors; not graduate students, to ensure students are getting what they pay for.

"The intent of the Finance and Procedures Committee's fee gather was not to pass judgment on whether the fees are being spent in an acceptable way," Ernest said.

"We will leave that judgment to the students so that they could judge for themselves."

"The Administration understands that students do not want to see fee increases or the implementation of new fees without student approval," Boyd said.

News By Numbers

12 inches is the size of the plush Beanie Baby dolls made in the likeness of Sasha and Malia Obama. Many are not pleased with the new dolls, such as Katie McCormick Lelyveld, President Obama's press secretary. "We feel it is inappropriate to use young, private citizens for marketing purposes," she said in a statement on Saturday.

55 Mexican chefs created the world's largest cheesecake that contains two tons of calories. The chefs spent 60 hours working on this masterpiece and gave out 20,000 slices in Mexico City.

825,000,000,000 dollars is the amount President Barack Obama plans to inject into the economy if it goes through Congress. However, some Republican leaders, such as John McCain, may resist the plan, calling for no new taxes.



EYE ON CRIME

This week's eye on crime comes from Seminole County in Orlando, Fla., where two men were arrested for pretending to be police officers.

The men held five people at gunpoint after suspecting the individuals to have driven through and damaged many Seminole County yards.

Lawrence Bentley, 47, and Joseph Coluccio, 64, believed they saw a Ford Mustang in the process of damaging the yards and followed the car.

The two also thought they saw a pickup truck traveling with the Mustang. Both cars were seen driving through multiple private yards and destroying many properties.

Bentley called 911 requesting for backup and then

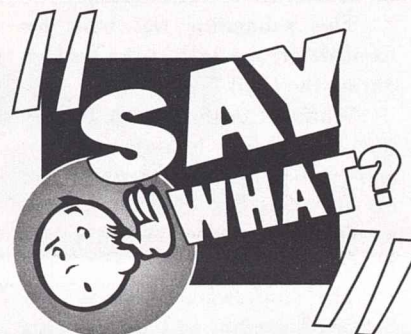
proceeded to block the only exit of the subdivision they had driven into.

The passengers of the Mustang and pickup truck said that Bentley and Coluccio identified themselves as police.

However, when they were asked for a police badge, one of the impersonators threw one of the passengers to the ground and allegedly kicked him in the chest and groin.

This was all seen by another passenger who reported Bentley and Coluccio to the real authorities.

When the actual police arrived at the scene, both men were put under arrest for multiple charges, including impersonating an officer and false imprisonment.



"We can't say that the worst times are behind us."

Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center on the fall of consumer confidence to an all time low in January.

"He's giving the authorities the middle finger."

Former New York City Mayor **Ed Koch** on Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich's refusal to attend the opening of his own impeachment trial.

"My job to the Muslim world is to communicate that the Americans

are not your enemy."

President Barack Obama, in an interview for Arabic cable TV network al-Arabiya.

"They're telling you how to live and what to do, and they're doing it right here in America."

Edith Frederickson, a smoker in Belmont, Calif., where an anti-smoking law bans lighting up in all apartment buildings.

"If you spent six or seven years and hundreds of thousands of dollars getting a graduate degree and you end up doing this, that is not a

happy thought."

James Jacobs, president of Macomb Community College in Michigan on the part-time jobs his college is offering to teachers as "steady work."

"The Chinese are probably one of the few people in the world who were sorry to see President Bush go, and are nervous about his successor."

Kenneth G. Lieberthal, visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution on indications that the Obama administration may take a tougher stance with China.

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other students to help enhance their interests other areas such as music and art.

The program's students, all currently ranging from 21 to 22, live in apartments with "life coaches."

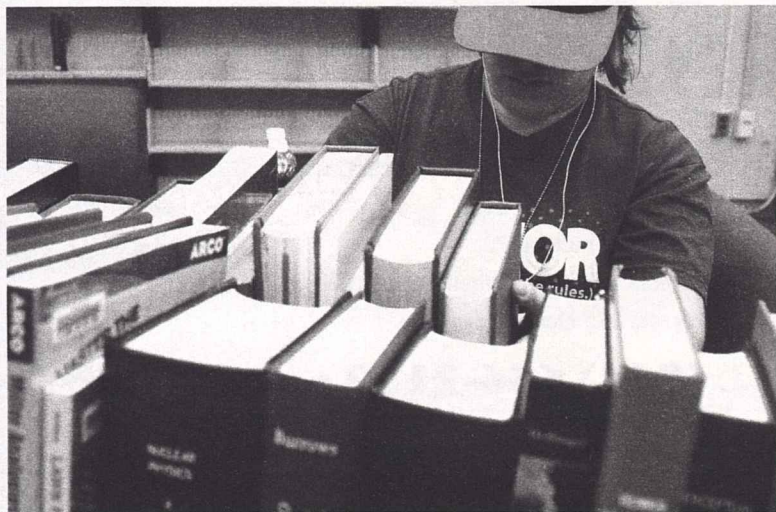
They follow a daily routine that keeps the students busy and helps with the adjustment to being away from home.

Aside from typical homesickness, the students have all transitioned well to life away from home. "They're busier than I am," said Sanders with a smile.

On weekends they attend church dances and services, learn to cook lunches alongside Clemson volunteers, and go out to eat and to the movies.

These activities add a social aspect to the students' academic schedule and allow them to interact in a more casual setting with their peers.

A crucial element in getting this program off the ground has been the many student volunteers who have come together to make ClemsonLIFE such a success.



ClemsonLIFE member Catelyn Mathis sorts books as part of her job in Cooper Library.

Many students possess knowledge about topics such as fitness and nutrition that the program leaders do not know as much about.

These volunteers allow the program leaders to have more time to put into improving the program, while student volunteers get to feel good about what they are doing.

"It's for all of us," said Sanders.

Everyone benefits from this type of program, and upon completion these students will leave with a

full resume, a list of contacts and references and hope for a brighter future.

To learn more about ClemsonLIFE, see their Web site at www.clemson.edu/culife or contact Sharon Sanders at ssander@clemson.edu for more information and volunteer opportunities.

With their generous donation of time, ClemsonLIFE volunteers are helping these students while gaining valuable experience themselves.

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Students break with tradition

Program offers alternative service projects for students during school holidays.

RACHEL WITHINGTON
STAFF WRITER

What will you be packing in your suitcase for Spring Break 2009? If you are like most, sunscreen and bathing suits might be on your list.

But what about hammers and nails? For members of the Alternate Break Program (ABP) at Clemson, these items would not be out of the ordinary.

Ghandi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Clemson students took on this challenge when, in 2006, the Alternate Break Program was founded.

Participants volunteer their fall or spring breaks by doing hands-on service projects across the country. The projects allow students to experience real-world issues first-hand.

This spring, students may choose to go to Miami, Fla., or Nashville, Tenn.

The Miami team will mainly serve food, restock shelves and pre-

pare items for those in need at Our Daily Bread Food Bank. They will also help out at Pines Nursing Home, providing smiling faces and doing groundwork around the facilities. Those who choose to go to Nashville will help with chores at New Hope Academy, a small school for families that qualify for financial aid. They will also help with a soccer camp at the local YMCA and provide hunger relief for homeless persons at Community Care Fellowship.

Matt DiGiovanni, the president of ABP, summed up the experience this way: "You get to help people in need, while making new friends and seeing new places." Past trips have included activities like volunteering at women's shelters in Washington, D.C., and helping to rebuild areas in New Orleans that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Although the details of each trip vary, the overall goal remains unchanged: to allow Clemson students to be advocates of social change in their communities.

Spots for these trips fill up fast and the deadline for signups is Feb. 6, so interested students should e-mail altbrk@clemson.edu more information. Participants will need to fill out an application outlining your expectations, skills and medical history and turn it in to the information desk at the Union before the Feb. 6 deadline.

Each trip is \$150, which includes the cost of the hotel, nearly all meals for the week, a T-shirt and a truly unforgettable experience.

Restoration projects questioned

Faculty Senate calls for forum to evaluate Clemson University Restoration Institute.

KATE RIPLEY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

There will be a forum in Faculty Senate to adequately inform the University of the funds spent in a research program called Clemson University Restoration Institute (CURI) which have been called into question.

Representatives from CURI will attend and give a presentation with information on their program as a whole, as well as information on their projects including H.L. Hunley.

CURI was founded in 2004 in an effort to create a place for students, faculty and staff to learn by hands-on experience in studies ranging from restoration and revitalization of communities to renewing the environment and the local ecology.

All of the programs involved with CURI are restoration-related, such as restoring old artifacts, finding renewable energy sources and revitalizing the local ecology in the area.

The Institute is located on an old deserted naval base in North Charleston that was, in itself, one of the first restoration projects to have taken place.

As one can imagine, the old base is somewhat run-down and in need of repair. As a matter of fact, the base itself is one of the projects CURI is working on.

However, the site has one

redeemable building: the Warren Lasch Laboratory.

The Lasch Lab was set up as one of the best archeological labs in the country with state-of-the-art equipment, as well as the valuable services of various professionals in the restoration field.

Clemson University provides partial funding for the Lasch Lab and for CURI itself.

Currently, the lab is working on restoring on the world's first successful submarine, the H.L. Hunley.

This submarine was built for Confederate use against the Yankees during the Civil War.

While the mission of the Hunley was completed, it unfortunately, and seemingly without reason, sunk off the coast of Charleston after hitting its target enemy ship, the Housatonic.

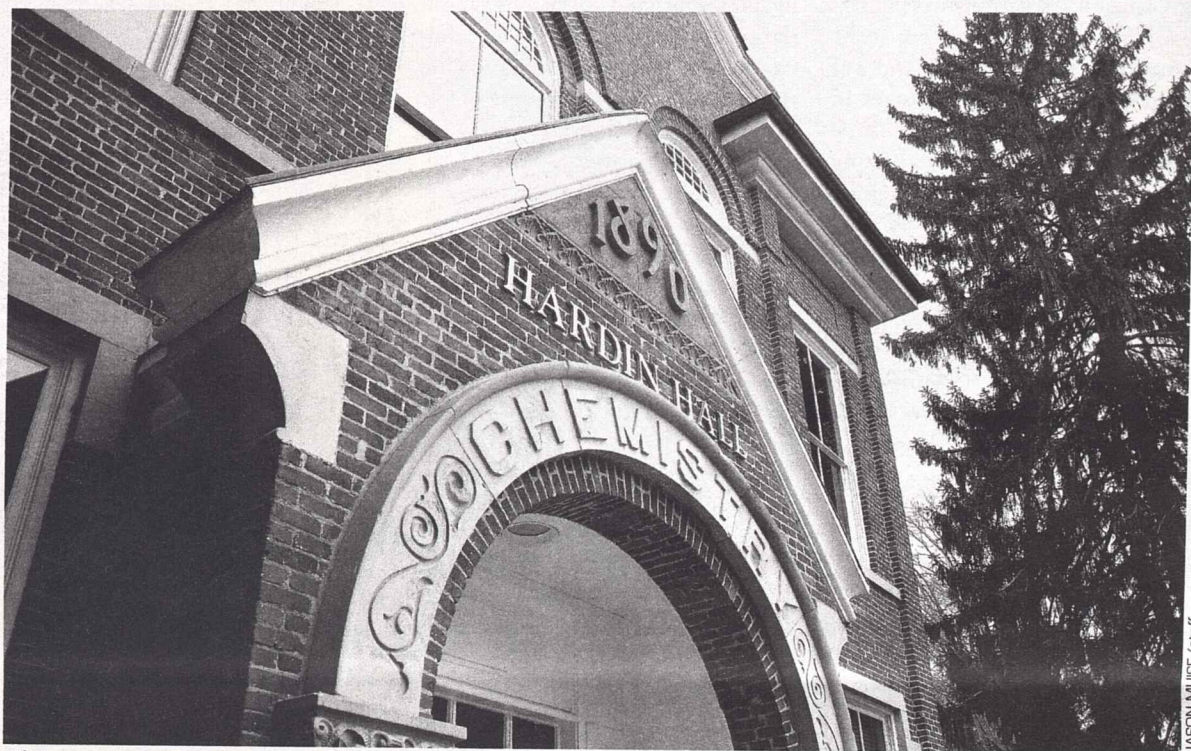
The underwater mystery has puzzled historians and archeologists alike for years.

In spite of this, CURI, with other experts, have begun to restore the old submarine in hopes of finding the missing link.

While South Carolina has been witnessing history in the making, the origins of the funds for this project have remained a mystery as well.

Dr. Bryan Simmons, president of Faculty Senate, especially had concerns given the economy and state Clemson's budget.

With a colleague, Simmons vis-



History comes to life as a part of CURI's H.L. Hunley project the funds of which are being called into investigation.

ited CURI in hopes of finding more information about the project and its funding.

He came away with very surprising numbers.

Approximately \$200,000 is being spent on CURI in general and approximately \$850,000 on the Lasch Lab, some of which comes directly from student's tuition.

"Is it realistic to put that money into CURI knowing what the place of the current economy?" he asked in response.

With this question in mind, Simmons called for a forum.

Each year Faculty Senate holds a forum specifically to discuss a program that is not widely known.

Last year, CU-ICAR representatives were brought in to talk about their program and how it relates to the Clemson budget.

The topic of discussion this year will be the origins of funding for the CURI, including the Lasch Lab.

The format of this forum will be slightly different from other senate

meetings.

Students and faculty may attend and ask questions in a panel-like format after the presentation.

Any question can be asked relating to the issue and will be answered there at the meeting.

A date has not been chosen for this forum, but, according to Simmons, should be mid-March.

Students are also welcome to sit in on any regular Faculty Senate meetings which take place on the second Tuesday of every month.

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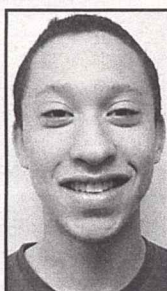
Should Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich attend his own impeachment trial?



Courtney Davis
microbiology
sophomore

"I think the governor should have to attend his own trial and be responsible for his actions."

"The governor of Illinois is not on trial yet, he is undergoing an impeachment hearing in the Illinois State Senate and therefore is not required nor should, attend the hearing."



Najee Bagley
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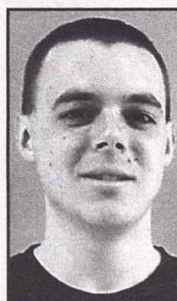
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"If everyone else has to attend their trial then why shouldn't he?"

"He's a politician, but he's stupid for getting caught. So who really cares if he goes or not?"



Natalie Schmidt
political science
sophomore



Alec Gohl
political science
freshman

"He's stupid for not attending and defending himself publicly."

"He has compared himself to Ghandi and Martin Luther King Jr. in a ploy to appear persecuted. He should just accept responsibility and attend the trial."



Brett Rhyne
bioengineering
junior



Crooked or crazy?

Even Oprah is amused. And that takes a lot in this day and age when the only positive political coverage is about Obama's every move. Yet, what Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich is doing isn't amusing; it's humiliating.

Instead of defending his innocence in the Illinois Senate impeachment trial where Blago is accused of attempting to sell off President Obama's old Senate seat to the highest bidder, he's running a national media blitz, hitting up "Good Morning America," "The View," "Nightline" and "Larry King Live," calling his impeachment proceedings a 'kangaroo court.'

And he is refusing to attend his own impeachment trial while arguing to send some Obama administrators and close friends, such as Rahm Emanuel (Obama's Chief of Staff), Valerie Jarrett (White House Senior Advisor) and Jesse Jackson Jr. (Illinois Senator and son of former presidential candidate Jesse Jackson) as witnesses. Unfortunately, President Obama has already urged the governor to resign.

So why is one of Obama's biggest supporters, Oprah Winfrey, so amused? It's probably because on the day his impeachment trial began, Gov. Blagojevich told Diane Sawyer on "Good Morning America" that he considered appointing Oprah Winfrey to President Obama's old Senate seat, leaving Oprah feeling amused: "If I had been watching from the treadmill where I'm usually watching ['Good Morning America'], I would have fallen off the treadmill," Winfrey told her friend Gayle King. "I think I could be a senator, but I'm not interested," Winfrey said. Good call, Oprah.

Blagojevich continued to explain why he would appoint Oprah: "She seemed to be someone who had helped Barack Obama in a significant way to become president... and she had a much broader bully pulpit than a lot of senators." He later added on "The View" that he would choose Oprah because she's "...an African-American woman who probably by herself has more influence than 100 senators."

If the United States Senate needed advice on food and books,

Oprah would make a great senator. Unfortunately she has no political experience or background, and now is not the time when our country needs leaders lacking those necessary skills. Oprah may be a powerful woman/deity, but even she can't save Blago from impeachment and corruption charges.

Perhaps his attorney can. Last Friday, Blagojevich praised his lead attorney Ed Genson by calling him a modern day Clarence Darrow; a few hours later, Blagojevich's attorney resigned from the case. Yet, at least his family still supports him... well, except his wife Patty canceled appearing on "The View" and thus standing by her husband.

Then again, I guess his arrest was very tough for his family; almost as tough as one of the greatest national tragedies to hit America. Discussing his arrest to The Associated Press, Blagojevich said, "Dec. 9 to my family, to us, to me, is what Pearl Harbor Day was to the United States." I guess he isn't aware that almost 2,500 Americans died in the attacks on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

However, Blago learned enough from his time in prison to compare himself to other innocent political figures who spent time in jail before their big breakthroughs: Nelson Mandela, Mohandas Gandhi and best of all Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Yet, these great men wanted progress and equality for mankind — not a payoff for selling the President's former Senate seat. Why not compare himself to Don Quixote instead? It's more appropriate and less insulting. He is also an admirer of former President Richard Nixon — yes, a little more appropriate too.

Then, there's his obsession with cowboys and relating everything to the wild, wild west. Even his reasoning for not attending his own trial were told in terms of an old Frank Capra cowboy movie: "There was a cowboy who was charged with stealing a horse in town."

"And some of the other cowboys, especially the guy whose horse was stolen, were very unhappy with that guy. And one of the cowboys said, 'Let's hang him.' Then the other cowboys said: 'Hold on. Before we hang him, let's first give him a fair trial."

Then we'll hang him.' Under these rules, I'm not even getting a fair trial. They're just hanging me," Blagojevich said in press conferences.

And we thought Sarah Palin had some great quotes in interviews with the media.

So why go through all the media blitz and interviews? Why go through publicizing the scandal and allegations even more than they were before Blago appeared on almost every major network projecting his innocence? Duh, for the comeback! Blagojevich knows he is probably going to be found guilty in the Senate trial due to the tape recordings and mass amounts of evidence against him, so he'll be removed from office.

But if he can somehow pull off an acquittal in his criminal trial, then he can confirm his innocence, continue his media blitz against the 'kangaroo court' of the Illinois Senate and re-enter politics full of national sympathy and his own personal vengeance for the justice he thinks he is owed.

Let's face it: Blago won't stop in Illinois politics either; he's a big dreamer! This man believed he could be president one day, and this trial along with his media-sensational interviews make "Blagojevich" a household name, even if you can't pronounce it correctly.

But back to reality for a second: Blagojevich will most likely be found guilty and removed from office. He may or may not manage an acquittal in criminal court, but either way there's corruption. Regardless of his claims of innocence, federal prosecutors have recordings of four conversations between Blago and racing executive John Johnston concerning a \$100,000 prize he was asking for in return for signing legislation that benefited the racing industry. Blagojevich denied this.

However, the bill was sitting there on his desk. Really, Blago should just stop dreaming, cut his losses and cash out, just like former presidential candidate John Edwards did after his scandalous affair. They're both still young enough, and Americans' memories are short enough for them to make a comeback one day, regardless of how dirty their hands got in the past.

Of course, this is America, and

everyone deserves a fair trial. But one has to attend his or her trial in court and not on the television sets of Americans, who may be more easily persuaded by Blago than his Illinois senators and congressmen. Everyone deserves a fair trial, but we all deserve justice as well, and hopefully Blago gets exactly what he deserves.

Even with all of the media attention shining brightly in Blago's squinty eyes, he easily shoved through his appointment for Obama's old senate seat with junior Sen. Roland Burris. Too bad New York Gov. David Paterson did not have as easy a time with his appointment to fill Hillary Clinton's old senate seat.

Perhaps his legally-blind status did not allow him to see a perfectly conditioned senator right before his very eyes. Not only is she the daughter of JFK, but she endorsed Barack Obama for President as far back as 2007.

As an intelligent, progressive, independent woman, U.S. Senators would have had another Democrat backing President Obama and truly representing New York. But now they have Kirsten Gillibrand, the mouthy upstate congresswoman, who has been endorsed by the National Rifle Association.

She also voted against the financial bailout bill that bailed out Wall Street, which is in New York — the state she's supposedly representing. (She's only been a congresswoman for two years; she'll figure it out.) Warning Harry Reid that he was going to have his hands full, House Democrats said the new senator was "a pain."

But that is Harry Reid's and Washington's problem now, because Paterson is safe for another four years since he appointed an ally — a woman from the conservative upstate New York. Then again, maybe another ill-fit governor will replace him before elections due to "Client 9." In a world with cowboys like Bagio and Paterson, what else can we expect?

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COMMENTARY

Genetic mutt-ations

NOAH WELSH

Columnist



Good Morning, friends! I hope everybody is excited for this weekend. I sure am. I'm going to California. A few of my friends and I are going to fly out to San Francisco, rent a car, and drive down to Yosemite.

We're going to climb El Capitan, a 3,000-foot vertical rock wall. Yeah, it's a guy thing. Actually, it's only kind of a guy thing. I'm hoping Hillary can come, too.

She was named after that fellow from New Zealand, the one who climbed Everest. I'd like to see that bitch of yours climb straight up a cliff. Rhodesian Ridgebacks may be able to take on lions, but they sure can't climb. My baby girl can, though. She's a Siberian Steppe Squirrel.

Siberian Steppe Squirrels are actually originally descended from a mixture of the Eurasian Red Squirrels and their American

grey counterparts. For the last 450 years residents of the Russian plains have been breeding them to be climbers.

The natural course of evolution certainly would never make a flatland creature genetically apt to climb, but when humanity is interjected into the Darwinian process an infinite array of potential critters can be produced.

Unfortunately, there is a good chance I'm going to have to put Hillary down this afternoon. You see, she has this bitter hatred of the UPS guy. When he steps out of his truck in that fecal colored uniform, you better watch out.

Poor girl can't help it. When you invade her territory the neurons start firing and she enters an adrenaline filled rage. You might sue, too, if you had a 75-pound squirrel tear through your Achilles tendon with its oversized incisors.

The question that should be posed here is whether you can hold a creature responsible for acting the way it is genetically inclined to act. It's like putting a tiger down after it rips the jugular out of the morbidly obese (delicious) drunkard who thinks it's a good idea to try to climb into the giant feline's enclosure.

Only an evil tiger would kill an innocent human. Whatever — I say God bless you, Sir Charles. The judge is supposed to provide the ruling at noon today. If the results are bad, I'll take her out and we'll climb in the Bradford Pear trees in my backyard one last time.

Squirrel speech hasn't been bred in yet, so she won't be able to tell me what she wants for her last meal, but I know my little girl. One large bowl of acorns coming up: half White Oak and half Water Oak.

Perhaps Hillary's genetic inclination towards savage territoriality suggests something about the human ability to selectively breed animals.

This certainly can be seen in the canine species. Jack Russell Terriers seem to have the same neurotic territorialism as the Siberian Steppe Squirrels.

While Labradors and Retrievers are very loyal creatures, humans did not foresee the creatures elevated rates of hip dysplasia.

Perhaps some of those "101 Dalmatians" would have been lucky to end up as part of Miss Deville's coat, as it sounds like a favorable alternative to the highly probable demise via secondary renal gout. No one could have guessed that Dachshunds would have back

problems. There also appears to be an inverse relationship between the length of a dog's snout and the probability of cancer. Not only was poor Uga bred to be Ugly, but he'll probably die in pain as the cancer metastasizes throughout his body.

For some reason humans treasure the purest of blood line the most. Perhaps I should take up the breeding business. I bet I could make some money off of inbred rednecks.

They seem to keep a good bloodline on their own; now imagine what we could do with a little breeding control. No, I could never compete with that place, Jed-Smart, on College Avenue. Meet Lee Roy the hemophilic, semi-conscious alcoholic.

There's always Kidd, the child molesting baby sitter. Something seems wrong here. The selling of humans?

Nah, it just seems like we ought to go down to the interracial clinic a little more often a pick up one of those cute little six week olds. Nobody, want those half Welsh, half Jewish mutts anyways.

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COMMENTARY

So long, mate

MICHAEL MANION

Columnist



"Back off, mate!" An unknown force ran into me and a 200+ lb. blurry outline relaxed its grip on my limp, alcohol soaked, 145 lb. frame.

The room may have been wildly moving on its own accord, but I could make out the outline of someone pissed off and considerably larger than me. "Back off!" I heard it again. Liquid confidence made a quick campaign in my head, "Did I just do that? I didn't know I could do that." The illusion was short lived however, and another blurry outline came into my field of view.

The two blurry things exchanged some words, and the larger blurry thing backed away. I stood there with a blank expression on my face; the only thought that managed to crawl out of my hippocampus was "What the hell just happened?" What

happened was a friend kept me from getting creamed in a fight that was completely my fault. Oddly enough, I had just met the guy a couple of weeks before.

Sometimes there's no easy way to state something. My friend died not too long ago. Nigel Sciclunias was riding his motorcycle when he was hit by a car driving on the wrong side of the road and killed.

I say killed because there's no way he was ready to depart from this earth. To hell with the grand plan, he was the epitome of the Hunter Thompson quote, "Too weird to live, too rare to die." At about 5'5", quick witted, ruddy and Australian in South Carolina, Nigel was about as rare as they come.

Instantly recognizable and immediately endearing, he quickly became well known among the student populace. Admittedly, I didn't know Nigel as well as my roommates, so it's challenging to give him a proper tribute.

But I know him well enough to know he deserves one, so I'll just have to make do. When I met Nigel,

I wasn't the most agreeable person. A good friend from high school had just killed herself; she was the first friend I ever had die, and I didn't take it too well.

I'd never known anyone to die so young, and speaking to her father afterwards was haunting to say the least. He may have been talking to me, but his eyes told me everything. He was just trying to make it through the day.

In a way, I'm glad I was unable to make Nigel's wake. I don't want to see those eyes again, and I knew they would be there that day.

I got through the weeks after my friend's death being reclusive, and when I wasn't reclusive I was outright hostile. I don't remember the first time I met Nigel, but I think it's safe to say I was less than courteous.

Either he didn't pick up on it, or hostility just bounces off the man. Eventually I came to tolerate, even enjoy, Nigel's short visits.

With an accent that can only be described as the product of leaving convicted British criminals alone

on an island for 300 years, I wasn't even sure what he was saying at first. After a couple of weeks of smiling and nodding, I was able to decipher what the Australian was saying.

As it turned out, they were all good people, something that can never be overvalued. As an ex-pro snowboarder and fellow motorcycle enthusiast, one could argue that Nigel was, indeed, the man.

I never thought someone would convince me that decent snowboarders could come from Australia. He even saved my ass a couple of times. But so what if he was my buddy? He was too friendly to have any real enemies, and what does the account of one guy who barely knew him mean anyway?

Nigel helped me become a better person and all I did was sit back and watch him live. I mean L.I.V.I.N. You hear about it a lot, but it takes seeing it in action to know what it is. Life is a summer bite of fresh watermelon that ends up all over your shirt, and you don't give a damn. Life is finding out Foster's

is not Australian for beer. Life is cracking open your first Tooheys ale with some buddies. Life is freshly baked brownies from the pretty girl next door.

Life is almost getting your ass kicked. Life is watching your friends die and struggling with what you can possibly say to help those who hurt much more than you do.

I was never able to let Nigel know about how much he helped me get through a tough time, so I'll do the next best thing and let everyone else know.

Nigel was a good man who made life seem effortless and care-free. Life is hard enough, and Nigel helped me in the short time I knew him, and I'm sure there are plenty of others who have the same to say.

As for those who knew Nigel better than I, I hope I did a good enough job paying tribute to your friend. For those who didn't know him at all...just know that a good man died not too long ago.

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COMMENTARY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Since the release of the article, "Mae West front man charged with theft," there have been a lot of questions and rumors floating around regarding Russell Oliver and those associated with him. Many people think that the members of Mae West, as a band, not only were all aware of what Russell had done but were even using the equipment he stole.

To put the rumors to rest, no one in the band was aware of any of Russell's unfortunate actions until the article's release. None of us are denying that what Russell did was wrong. His actions were deplorable and we all recognize that. Not knowing if anyone would want to book a band with that type of reputation, our initial response was total shock and to put things on hold for a little while. We were all concerned with having any affiliation with what had happened. Considering Mae West is mentioned twice in the article, we realized people were going to automatically associate the band with what Russell did. Despite this, Russell still deserved his fair chance to explain himself. As a result, we had a band meeting Sunday after the article's release. At this meeting, Russell told us the full story and gave us an opportunity to soak everything in. Russell truly is a great person. Granted, people always say things like this when their friend does something shameful, but anyone that knows Russell will vouch for him on this. The guy has a heart of gold, he's hilarious, and, excluding one day back in November, he has a good head on his shoulders. We were all reminded of this when he began explaining himself. After hearing him out, we realized this was no reason to turn our backs on Russell or the band.

What people weren't told in the article is what Russell went through to make things right again. No one was told about his driving over 1000 miles in a couple of days to get back all of the equipment he had sold. No one read about his life being threatened by the people he dealt with (no one at the University) during all of this, or the fact that he spent his entire Christmas break doing everything he could to fix what he had done. Now, I know this doesn't make up for what he did,

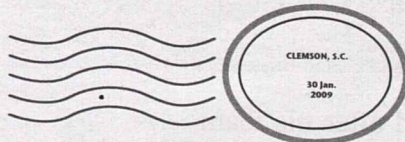
but it does show that he realized he made a huge mistake and wanted to do everything he could to put things back in order. He didn't tell his friends about it because he didn't want to drag us into the whole situation or let us down. He never knew an article would be released about the whole thing, and he certainly didn't anticipate Mae West being associated with his actions.

I want to encourage those that read the article last Friday to look beyond just what was printed. Clearly, all of what was printed was true, but I want to put to rest any assumptions that can be drawn from what was written. First, concerning the mention of our band name, Mae West had no part in what Russell did; we never used any of the equipment he stole or anything of that nature. That's not what we're about. Second, we're still a band; this is not cause for us to turn our backs on him. Russell is my best friend; he and I started this band together and neither one of us wants it to end on such a sour note. Third, Russell is not some crazy kleptomaniac; he really is a down to earth, fantastic individual, and I want to encourage you to get to know him if you haven't had the chance.

Sincerely,

Hudson Thompson, Lead Guitarist/Mae West

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COMMENTARY

Words that cost \$5,000

BRYAN COCKFIELD

Columnist



There is a long line of crotchety old men from Charleston who seem to keep embarrassing South Carolina in the State's General Assembly.

The latest debauchery comes from Senator Robert Ford and his latest bill that would criminalize any sort of profanity in a public forum.

Under this proposal, the punishment for "communicating" profanity while in the loosely-defined "public forum" is \$5,000 or five years in prison. To put this in perspective, the punishment could be harsher than some sexual assault felonies in this state.

While Ford admitted in an Associated Press article that the target of the profanity was rap music, the phrasing on the bill is anything but specific.

The text of the bill bans "words, language or actions" of "a profane, vulgar, lewd, lascivious or indecent nature" and vaguely mentions minors. With these loose definitions, some have

speculated that this ban could extend in distorted ways to the press or even to the Internet. But however the bill is interpreted, Ford made it clear that his intention for the bill is to target mostly "rap songs, yeah, I'm picking on them," as he said in the same AP article.

But if he wishes to target young people who listen to rap, perhaps the bill should include specific references to whom the ban applies.

The General Assembly doesn't stop there. Earlier, State Representative Robert Brown proposed a ban on "sagging," a fashion statement in which pants are worn far below the waistline.

Proponents of these types of bans claim that the practices are symbolic of gang-related activities. Ford's and Brown's ideas may seem legitimate to them and to other out-of-touch politicians or irrelevant groups like the NAACP.

It seems that they believe that violent crimes, drug use and gang activity are caused by pants and words, rather than the other way around. The idea that banning words and fashion trends rather than enforcing violent crime and drug laws is fundamentally flawed.

The practices Ford and Brown wish to ban are in no way criminal and will

never help solve the larger problem. They simply attack symptoms of the problem rather than tackle what they should see as the bigger picture.

The solution is obviously not going to come from banning words or ignoring the rest of the First Amendment. Instead, if Ford wishes to change the attitudes and behaviors of those he claims his bill targets, he should be looking into the increased instances of single-parent households.

In his most recent hometown of Charleston, for example, four single mothers were forced to move out of publicly provided housing because their children were charged with armed robbery. The leases stated that any tenants involved in "anti-social" behavior, like armed robbery, would be evicted.

But some have problems seeing that the real issue behind these problems is a poor family life, often with no father figure.

The fathers of the children at this housing development never turned up, and no one ever asked where they were. Instead of proposing some way of getting people to take responsibility for themselves and their actions, people like Ford are busy banning words and fashion statements. In Ford's defense,

his colleagues are equally out-of-touch.

In 2003, former Charleston City Councilman Wendell Gilliard made national news by proposing to outlaw sunbathing on Marion Square in downtown Charleston (the idea of making this illegal should be a crime in itself).

His constituents voted to move him to the State General Assembly, possibly so he would be less able to influence the City of Charleston in such a horrendous manner.

Now, however, following the proposal of this bill, Ford has tossed his hat into the ring for the upcoming governor's race.

Hopefully he has as much chance of winning the race as his bill has of being signed into law. Most likely the bill will not make it out of the General Assembly.

In the meantime, perhaps a copy of the United States Constitution should be provided to Ford. It could even come with a cassette tape of the First Amendment, since most of his actions while serving as an elected official indicate that he is unable to read it.

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COMMENTARY

Be the change

ZAK JAMES

Guest Columnist



It seems like for the past couple of years all we've heard about in America is the promise of "change"— "A change we can believe in" and all that jazz. Well, with the recent inauguration of President Obama, I guess he can finally make that promise of "change" a reality... or can he?

All this change talk got me thinking. You know, this isn't the first time someone has spoken of change in such a large-scale way, like as a campaign slogan.

Remember that guy, Gandhi? I think he had a few things to say about change.

The quote, "Be the change you wish to see in the world," is perhaps one of the most commonly cited phrases to come out of the 20th century.

Attributed to Gandhi, although never actually written in any sort of manuscript or speech, Gandhi delivered on his promise. He liberated a nation from oppression in 1947, becoming more than a national hero, but an icon and a celebrity, as well.

I just spent my Christmas in India, and after experiencing the culture for two weeks I can testify to Gandhi's influence on his people.

Gandhi's face appears on every type of ruble note, and they even erect his statue at local water parks and restaurants (despite the fact that an eight-foot statue of a man in a diaper usually doesn't blend with the décor).

All this because he actually delivered on his promise; he lived what he preached. "Be the change you wish to see in the world"... and he was.

I bring up these points because I see a vital difference in Gandhi and Barack Obama, or America as a whole for that matter.

Gandhi told his people to be the change. Obama told us to let him be the change. See the difference? Perhaps you don't. Our country, our media and our educational institutions have ingrained a lie into

the general populace: change, reform, service, etcetera are all responsibilities of the government, of elected officials. That's why we vote in a democracy, right?

That's what Obama believes, what McCain believes, but that's also what you believe.

I couldn't help but notice during the last political season what politics means to most people.

I'd sit in restaurants and listen to people bicker about how their beliefs are right and how they somehow elevate them to a higher platform than the other guy.

Somehow, my ability to simply press a button and vote for an official, who supposedly believes a certain "truth," by virtue allows me to say that I'm making a difference?

If I vote for Obama because I believe in a woman's right to her body, or if I vote for McCain because I believe that abortion is an abomination, murder nonetheless, what am I accomplishing?

I won't say anything, because I am accomplishing something, but I've put my faith on an issue in the hands of someone whom I believe to be bigger than me somehow, and then I set the issue aside, left in the hands of the government to fix.

Sorry, Charlie, that's not how it's supposed to work.

If you know anything about anything, you should know that change doesn't begin with politics.

Change begins in the suburbs, in grassroots movements, in the little people. Last time I checked, I didn't vote for MLK Jr., and Mother Teresa didn't get a slot on a ballot. Bono, Paul Farmer, Nelson Mandela, Solzhenitsyn, Wilberforce, Joan of Arc, Martin Luther, Gandhi... these individuals rose to greatness from beyond the spotlight.

They took their ideals into their own hands, entrusted them to no one but themselves, and lived them.

If you have a passion for an issue, whether it's abortion, capital punishment, welfare, animal

rights, the Darfur crisis, third world poverty, slavery, gay rights or anything else, then your focus should be on that. Who cares if the president shares your values?

Yes, I'll vote for the man who agrees more with my values and ideas for the country than the other guy, but that's not where I want my involvement to stop.

If I have a passion for orphans and poverty, I'll go to India and see firsthand what it's like and if there's anything I can do to make a difference.

If I don't believe in abortion, I'll go to prayer rallies; I'll raise money for adoption awareness.

More than just my voice will be heard. I will BE the change I wish to see in the world.

I'm not saying don't vote. Do it; it's your responsibility as a citizen in this democracy; it's your duty. But we are called to so much more. Freedom entails responsibility.

You've heard the quote, "That government is best which governs least..." I'll bet you haven't heard the full quote. "That government is best which governs least, because its people discipline themselves." See the difference?

Oftentimes we ignore our duty (for people to discipline ourselves), and then when we do, we don't want someone else to remind us of it (the government, in this case).

Have a passion for issues. Believe in your ideal, also, but believe you can make a difference. Change isn't a quote on a Facebook profile, after all.

Rather than judging someone who has an opposing belief from you, just do something about what you believe.

Live your beliefs, and when necessary, use words. The next time you hear more about all that "change" and a "hope for the future," don't look at the man in the Oval Office expecting him to do something about it. Take a look in the mirror.

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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

In Vancouver, an 11-month-old boy accidentally dials 9-1-1 and gets dad arrested when the police show up and find the dad's marijuana operation.



Fourteen-year-old boy is in juvenile custody after impersonating a police officer for five hours in Chicago, Ill.



High school girls' coach fired after his team beat their opponent 100-0; the school later forfeited.



In Spring Valley, N.Y., a landlord is fined for taking tenant's toilet.

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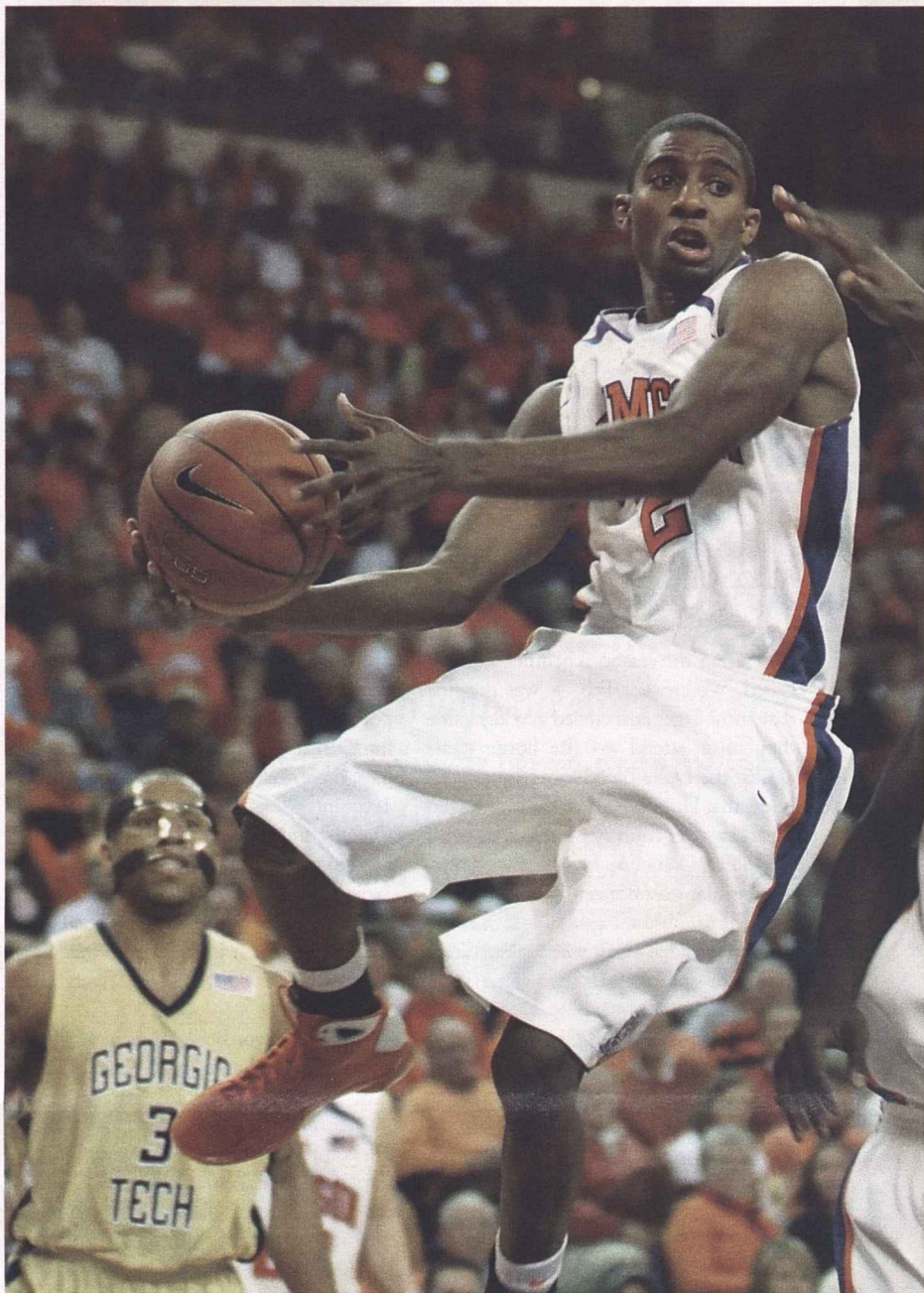
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SPORTS

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Tigers trounce Tech

Clemson offense finds rhythm in second half, outlasts Yellow Jackets.



Sophomore point guard Demontez Stitt drives to the basket against the struggling Yellow Jackets.

JASON PATSKOSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Tigers limped into Sunday's match up after losing to two top five teams in a week. They suffered a 10-point loss to Wake Forest and were embarrassed in Chapel Hill a few days later. After winning their first 16 games, they had lost a lot of momentum. As bad as Clemson was coming into the contest, Georgia Tech was worse. The Jackets came in after losing back-to-back overtime games and remained winless in ACC play. Both teams were looking for redemption and some much needed momentum.

The first half was very sloppy and neither team could gain an advantage. The Tigers would make a run that would only be matched with a run by Georgia Tech. Shots did not fall in the first half for Clemson, and Trevor Booker was nearly non-existent. The Clemson guards could not get Booker the ball, and he missed his only three shots in the half. The crowd was also a non-factor, due to the student section failing to sell out. They were loud, but the energy seemed to be missing. These factors led to the Tigers being down by three with minutes to go in the first half.

The Tigers then went on a run that changed the game. David Potter hit a three to put the Tigers up going into halftime, and they came out firing in the second half. Terrence Oglesby hit two threes, and Booker emerged making two baskets in the first three minutes of the half. The spark in the offense was due to the Tiger defense, which forced turnovers leading to easy baskets. After the 28-6 run between halves, the Tigers went up by 19 and never looked back. The run also brought the fans back into the game, and the students made up for the lack of numbers with more noise. The surprise of the second half came when Jerai Grant started instead of Raymond Sikes. Grant did not disappoint, going 4-4 from the field and finishing the game with 10 points. He was also effective on the defensive side of the ball with two blocks. Oglesby led the team in scoring with 18, hitting five threes in the game. Despite being shut down in the first half, Booker finished the night with 11 rebounds and 11 points for his fifth double-double of the season. Booker scored seven of those points in the 28-6 run. The Tigers were also relentless on defense, holding the Jackets to only one field goal in the first 12 minutes of the second half. In the end, the Tigers got back in the win column 73-59.

Clemson is now ranked No. 11 in the country and is preparing to take on Duke, the nation's top ranked team, on Wednesday. This will be another premiere match up, so any student who wants tickets should start camping out now.

Better NFL-ers: USC or Us?

DANIEL TAYLOR

sports editor



Backup defensive end Nick Eason is the only former Tiger in Super Bowl XLIII. While he does not start for the Pittsburgh Steelers, he has made a five-year career as a capable backup. While Clemson lacks a superstar in the Super Bowl, Clemson has had its share of NFL studs. With the Super Bowl just two days away, it is fitting to discuss Clemson's best NFL players. What would a Clemson All-Pro Team look like?

The heart and soul of the Clemson All-Pro Team is its brutal defensive line. Clemson's tradition in producing NFL defensive linemen is so deep, that names like William Perry and Gaines Adams don't even make the starting lineup. Starring for the defensive line is William Perry's younger, smaller brother Michael Dean. Michael Dean made six Pro Bowls during his 10-year NFL career, playing for the Browns and the Broncos. While Michael Dean is the best, Chester McGlockton is the largest, topping the scales at 334 pounds. The mammoth nose tackle made four-straight Pro Bowls from 1994-97. He has a unique distinction for recording a sack and forced fumble for four different NFL teams. Defensive end Trevor Pryce equaled McGlockton's Pro Bowl streak, making the game every year from 1999-2002. Pryce is an enormous 295-pound end that could also play at the tackle position. The final starter on the defensive line is Jeff Bryant, who played on Clemson's 1981 national championship team. While he never made the Pro Bowl, Bryant was a 12-year starter for the Seattle Seahawks who drafted him as the sixth overall pick in 1982. His 14.5 sacks in 1984 are still the sixth highest season sack total in NFL history. Together, the starting four defensive linemen have 258.5 career sacks and 14 Pro Bowls among them. Those four also played 46 years in the league, while Pryce could still potentially add to that total.

The next best position for Clemson is their defensive backs, which contains 11 Pro Bowls and 41 years of experience from its starters. The greatest professional player Clemson has ever produced, safety Brian Dawkins, would be the captain of the defense. Dawkins has been the face of the tenacious Philadelphia Eagles' defense for 13 years. In a few years, he will be Clemson's first member in the NFL Hall of Fame. Also in the defensive backfield is safety Charlie Waters, who also played corner for the Dallas Cowboys. Waters was known for being a leader in practice,

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Senior swimmers shine

Women's squad squashes Wolfpack; men lose a nail biter.

SARAH PORRI
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson swimming and diving teams competed in their last home meet of the season this past weekend against the North Carolina State Wolfpack. A celebration of the senior class from both the men's and women's teams occurred before the meet, honoring the achievements of each swimmer and diver. The Clemson women went on to defeat the North Carolina State women 173-126, improving their record 5-4 overall and an even 3-3 in the ACC. The Clemson men lost a closely fought contest to the North Carolina State men 165-135. This drops the men to 2-7 overall and 0-6 in the conference.

"The entire day was a special day," said senior co-captain Michelle Parkhurst. "The team was extremely supportive and excited for us at the



Tiger swimmers embrace during their last home meet of the year.

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CLEMSON vs. DUKE

ALEX URBAN
STAFF WRITER

When the season schedules were released, Wednesday, Feb. 4, was the first date most Tiger fans circled as a key game they must attend — the home game against the Duke Blue Devils. Fans didn't know that Duke would be the top-ranked team in the country when they visit Littlejohn Coliseum for the two teams' only regular season meeting of 2009.

The Clemson Tigers (17-2, 3-2) are coming off a blow-out win against Georgia Tech, ending their two-game slide. They face a red-hot Blue Devil squad that has knocked off Georgetown and Wake Forest on its impressive run to No. 1. Duke (19-1, 6-0) plans on extending their winning streak and avenging last season's ACC tournament loss to Clemson, but the Tigers have other plans.

A win for Clemson would be a monumental for Oliver Purnell's squad, which is currently ranked No. 11 in the nation, according to the ESPN/USA Today Poll, and No. 12 in the AP Poll. It would all but guarantee Clemson a return to the NCAA tournament for a second straight year and go a long way in giving the Tigers a good seeding.

To win, Clemson must capitalize on its role players, get consistent effort throughout the game, force turnovers on the full-court press and establish an inside game to complement outside shots: all things Clemson struggled within its two losses.

Defensively, the Tigers should not be too worried inside, as Duke's 7-foot, 1-inch center, Brian Zoubek, contributes minimally on the offensive side of the court, averaging just more than six points per game. This leaves a tall order for Clemson's guards, as the Blue Devils have three guards that average more than 10 points per game. Sophomore Terrence Oglesby and freshman Tanner Smith will need to step up and play tough defense to avoid giving Duke too many open shots.

But Clemson's defense has been fairly solid all season. It is the offensive side of the court that will decide the Tigers' fate on Wednesday.

Junior Trevor Booker was neutralized against Wake Forest and North Carolina, and Clemson struggled in his scoring absence. The Tigers need the almost 15 points per game Booker averages to outscore Duke. Also, Captain K.C. Rivers will need to get out of his funk on the offensive half of the court if the Tigers are to take down the number one team in the nation.

As always, Clemson will rely heavily on the often deadly touch of Oglesby from the three-point line. But it may be Oglesby's ability to hit free throws that proves to be more useful to the Tigers against the Blue Devils.

The game starts at 9 p.m. and is sure to be the loudest game of the year at Littlejohn Coliseum, which was recently named one of the top 10 "Toughest Places to Play" in the nation, according to EA Sports.

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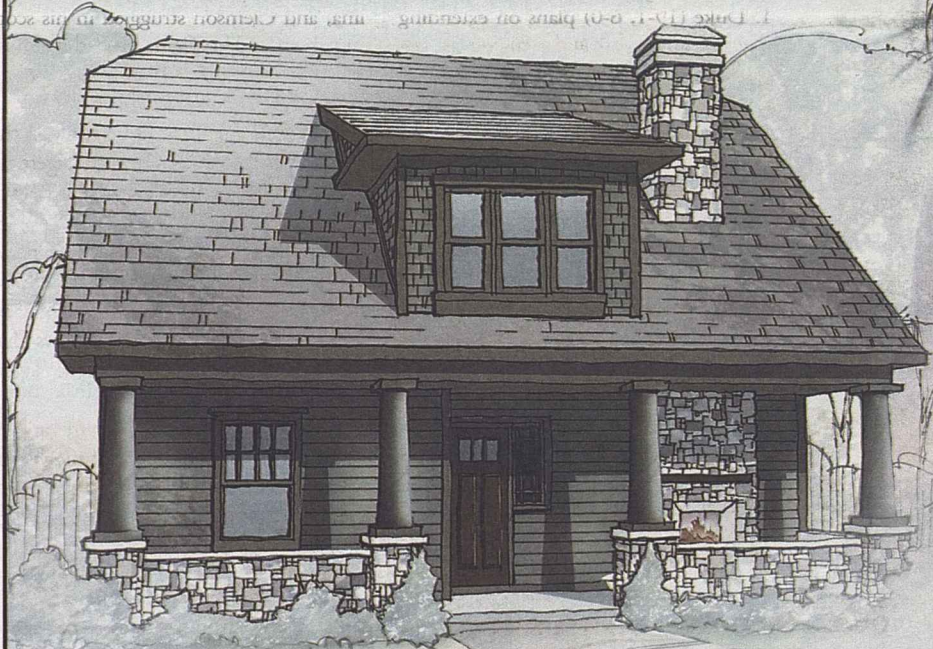
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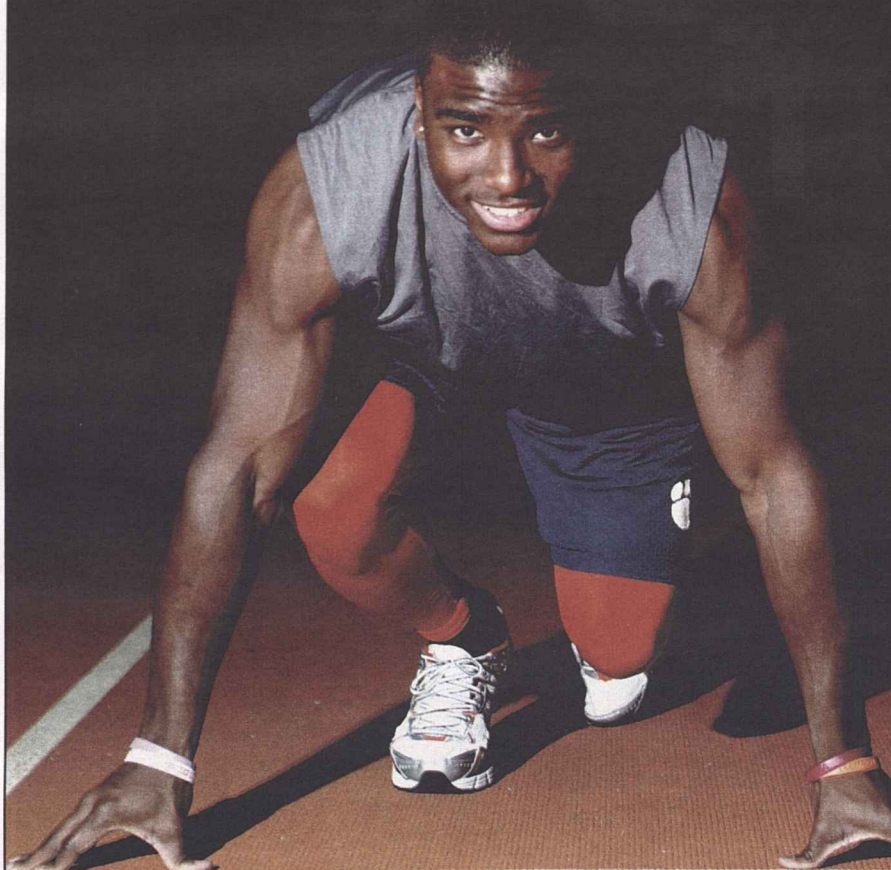
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Interview with Jacoby Ford

ANDREW BAKER
STAFF WRITER



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Q: How do you balance your training, time and schoolwork running both football and track? What's the hardest aspect of doing both? The most rewarding aspect?

A: I think the most rewarding aspect is still excelling in the classroom even when you have a really tight schedule. It's just a matter of being mentally tough and working through the fatigue after practice when you just want to sleep and still doing well on all of your tests.

Q: Last season when Coach Bowden resigned, and the team had to face Georgia Tech that Saturday, how did you handle the adversity? Do you feel that week showed what kind of character the team had in playing Georgia Tech as tough as you did?

A: I think it definitely characterized the whole team because we could have just folded and played flat. But everybody bought into the system and showed their character.

Q: When you first got to Clemson in your first football game, what stood out most for you about the gameday experience? Where do you rate the 92-yard punt return for a touchdown in that game in your career memories?

A: I'd definitely say that the 92-yard

touchdown was the most memorable thing. I'd say just being out there on the field before the game and seeing that stadium fill up, you get goosebumps, you get nervous, it's just a whole adrenaline rush, and running down the hill never gets old. Every time feels like the first time touching and rubbing the rock; the valley is definitely one of the most unique places to play in the country.

Q: As a two-sport athlete, if you could compete in any other sport besides football and track, what would it be? What sport was your first love?

A: I would play baseball, I've always messed with Coach Leggett about wanting to play baseball.

Football was my first love; I've always played football since I was little.

Q: Are there any football players or runners you model your game off of?

A: I've always liked Marvin Harrison, Santana Moss, Steve Smith and Jerry Rice. On the track I like Tyson Gay and Maurice Green.

Q: What is your favorite football memory and your favorite track memory?

A: My favorite track memory was when I set the record my freshman year in the 60-meter dash. My fa-

vorite football memory was when I was little, I was in a flag football game and I scored on the last play of the game to win the championship; I don't think I'll ever forget that one.

Q: You have one more season in football and the remainder of this season and next spring in track; what do you want to accomplish that you haven't yet?

A: I want to be a champion in track. I still have not yet won a championship. That's definitely an ultimate goal for me. In football, I want to be first team All-ACC and earn other accolades.

Q: Would you rather win a gold medal in the Olympics or return a punt for a touchdown in the Super Bowl and be MVP?

A: I would rather return a punt for a touchdown in the Super Bowl and win the MVP.

Q: When your Clemson career is done, what would you like people to remember you for most?

A: Just being a great person and a good citizen on and off the field. A person who just contributed to the program day in and day out, who worked hard and never took any plays off is how I want people to think of me.

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Clemson tennis faces opponents opening weekend

Men and women start season strong.

BECCA CARTER
STAFF WRITER

Nothing could touch the Clemson tennis teams this past weekend. Launching the 2009 season, both Clemson's men (1-0) and women's tennis (2-0) were red hot, showing no mercy to in-state rivals, College of Charleston and the Citadel.

Beginning on Friday in Clemson, the women's team erupted onto the College of Charleston, claiming all seven matches and justifying their 11-rank in national collegiate tennis. Then, on Sunday, the Lady Tigers edged Virginia Commonwealth, 4-3, in Richmond, Va. Continuing the winning streak on Saturday afternoon, the Clemson men's tennis team posted a 7-0 sweep over the Citadel Bulldogs in Clemson.

The Lady Tigers didn't drop a set in singles and captured all three doubles matches against the Cougars on Friday. Clemson was ignited by the nation's No. 4 singles player, junior Ani Mijacka, who slammed opponent Link Leskosky 6-1, 6-0 at the first seed. Also, serving up unstoppable skill as the second seed was No. 10 ranked Josipa Bek, recording a 6-0, 6-3 victory. At the fourth position, rookie Keri Wong blanked her challenger, not even allowing her one game.

The experience, competitiveness and power the women's team shares brought them similar results in their doubles matches. Teaming for the No. 1 position, Mijacka and Bek cruised to an 8-2 win over the Cougars' Leskosky and Laura Borza. Clemson's Ina Hadziselimovic and Wong swept Anna Lee Evans and Kelsey Casey 8-0, while Alexandra Luc and Estefania Balda extended the winning margin by defeating Keely Mulligan and Caroline Newman of the College of Charleston, 8-2.

Once again, the Lady Tigers

swept their opponent in doubles play versus Virginia Commonwealth, but the singles victories were harder to come by and were won incrementally. At the top flight, Mijacka squeezed by 6-3, 7-6 (4), and at the second position, Bek served up major game for her VCU opponent, downing her 6-2, 6-3. Wong won decisive battles in both doubles and singles, 6-2, 6-4, to steer her Clemson Tigers to a triumphant victory in Virginia on Sunday.

The Clemson's Men's team caught the spark from the Lady Tigers, as they played in perfect sync, winning 7-0 against the Citadel. Furthermore, the team didn't allow the Citadel to claim even a set. New Head Coach Chuck McCuen has his Tigers starting off on a positive note.

At No. 1 in singles, junior Rok Bizjak defeated Mike Kociekci of the Citadel 6-1, 6-3. Clemson's Carlos Alvarez also out-matched his opponent 6-1, 6-3 at the number two seed. The Tigers exhibited further domination from Gera Boryachinskiy, winning 6-1, 6-4, Kevin Gallo way posting a 6-2, 6-0 victory, Kevin Fleck with a 6-2, 6-0 win, and rookie Derek DiFazio blanking the Citadel 6-0, 6-0.

This impressive play extended into the doubles matches. Number one doubles partners, Bizjak and Boryachinskiy polished off the Bulldog's Sutatio and Diaz 8-4; Moran and Alvarez won 8-1 at the second position; and Belk and DiFazio volleyed and served their way to a 8-1 victory.

The men's team will fire up the courts again when they battle third-ranked Georgia in Athens at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Meanwhile, the Lady Tigers are back in action this weekend as they host the first and second rounds of the ITA Intercollegiate National Team Indoor Championships, taking on their first challenger Boise State on Saturday at 9 a.m.

The Steel Curtain: Why Pittsburgh will win

TYRONE GAYLE
STAFF WRITER

The Pittsburgh Steelers have a great chance to take home their sixth Super Bowl Championship Sunday night for a variety of reasons ranging from their vicious, relentless defense to their bulldozer-like rushing attack. The Steelers are favored by seven points.

However, these playoffs have shown that the high expectations of the game favorites are seldom achieved. First off, the Steelers may not have the edge in quarterback play, but what Roethlisberger lacks in accuracy, he makes up for in toughness. This guy takes more shots than the majority of the quarterbacks in the league, but his mammoth six-foot five-inch, 245-pound frame allows him to absorb the hits and keep on trucking.

Pittsburgh's offensive damage will come mostly by way of the ground with the help of Willie Parker and Melvin Moore. Parker is more than capable of breaking off a big play at a moment's notice (see: Super Bowl XL). Even if he can't get five yards a carry, he can be effective as he demonstrated in the divisional-round win over San Diego.

The Steelers had some trouble getting things on the ground rolling against Baltimore, but should have a much easier time against a Cardinals rush defense that ranked 16th during the regular season, despite playing well as of late. Trying to run on the Steelers this year has been about as effective as throwing marbles to knock down a brick wall. Pittsburgh has the distinct advantage in the strength of their defensive line and linebackers, who should be able to keep the Cardinals' Edgerrin James between the sticks fairly easily.

The Steelers have the defensive player of

the year in James Harrison who is just effective in pass coverage as he is getting after the quarterback. In addition to Pittsburgh's front seven, Kurt Warner will have to find a way to thread the needle between the Steelers' air tight secondary led by Troy Polamalu. Polamalu is proof that Ed Reed isn't the only all-world play-making safety in the league. His 40-yard pick for a touchdown against the Ravens in the AFC Championship game clinched the Super Bowl appearance for the Steelers. He will make Warner pay for those over-the-middle throws he so often likes to make.

The Cardinals' Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin are the most dynamic receiving tandem in the league, so Steelers cornerbacks Ike Taylor and Deshaun Townsend will certainly have their hands full. Whether it's their weekly clinics of defensive disruption they put on, or jam-down-your-throat running game, the Steelers will find a way to shut you down and come out victorious.

No team played better defensively towards the end of the season and into the playoffs than Dick LeBeau's unit, ranking first in the league during the regular season in passing defense, overall defense and second in rushing defense. Preventing big plays is what the NFL's top-rated defense does, and the Super Bowl shouldn't be an exception.

Finally, when the coaches are lined up against each other, the edge has to go the Steelers' Mike Tomlin who did not let the Steelers miss a beat after taking over for Bill Cowher after a one-year stint as the Defensive Coordinator.

Yes, Cardinals Coach Ken Whisenhunt knows the Steelers offense, but as the saying goes so tried and true, it is defense that wins championships.

Sports Staff Super Bowl XLIII Picks

Tyrone Gayle

Arizona, 24-17

Two words: Larry Fitzgerald.

Alex Urban

Pittsburgh, 31-21

They have been there before. The Pittsburgh D, combined with Roethlisberger, Ward and Antonio Holmes will be the difference in the ball game, although I do believe Arizona might jump out to an early lead playing on emotion.

Andrew Baker

Pittsburgh, 28-24

This game will start fast with the Cardinals' hot offense jumping out to the lead, but the Steelers will get a defensive touchdown to slow the Cardinals; then Roethlisberger will get hot, and the Steelers will win in a close one.

Ryan Launius

Arizona, 34-28

Ken Whisenhunt has a cooler goatee than Mike Tomlin.

Becca Carter

Arizona, 34-31

It'll be a close game because they both have strong defenses and key offensive players that will make plays. Also, both QBs have prior experience in Super Bowls.

Brandon Boatwright

Pittsburgh, 27-10

Two words: Terrible Towel.

Daniel Taylor

Pittsburgh, 7-3

Nick Eason is the hidden X-Factor; interception return for a touchdown.

It's in the Cards: Why Arizona will win

RYAN LAUNIUS
STAFF WRITER

Although it was two years ago, it seems like just yesterday that we were watching former Cardinals Coach Dennis Green melt down in his press conference after Arizona blew a 17-point lead in the final quarter of a game against Chicago to lose 23-24. While the Bears went on to lose Super Bowl XLI that season, it was the same old story for the Cardinals. Despite showing moments of brilliance, Arizona continued to do what it has done best throughout the history of the NFL: lose.

The Cardinals were one of the charter members of the NFL in 1898 and have only won two championships in that time. Those two championships came in 1925 and 1948 while the Cardinals called the city of Chicago home. Up until this season, Arizona had a winning record in only one of the past 23 seasons, earning themselves the title of perpetual powderpuffs in the process. That winning season came in 1998, when the Cardinals squeezed out a record of 9-7 and went on to beat the Cowboys in the Divisional round for only their second playoff victory in the history of the franchise. Their victory would be short lived as they lost to the Minnesota Vikings in the following round of the playoffs.

But in 2008 the Cardinals have metaphorically risen up from the franchise's ashes like the mythical creature after which their home city is named. The Cardinals always had a decent offense, but this season they have been incredible. While it was not based on much other than a strong passing game, Arizona's offense soared as it accumulated 366 yards per game, which is more than any other 2008 playoff team in the regular season.

With the combination of Larry Fitzgerald, Anquan Boldin and Steve Breaston, Arizona has one of the best wide receiver corps in the history of the NFL. In fact, thanks to those wideouts Arizona is the only team in the NFL that has three receivers who recorded over 1,000 yards this season.

The Steelers faithful will be quick to tell you that their defense managed to hold big name wide receivers to an average of more than six yards per reception this season. What Pittsburgh fans do not seem to comprehend is that none of

those receivers were named Larry Fitzgerald.

While both Boldin and Breaston have the ability to make big plays, it is Fitzgerald who sets this offense apart from the rest of the NFL. Coming off of a fantastic 1,400-yard and 12-touchdown regular season, Fitzgerald somehow managed to kick it into an even higher gear for the playoffs. While facing some of the top NFL defenses in the playoffs, the phenomenal fifth-year veteran has broken Jerry Rice's postseason receiving yardage record with 419 yards and finding paydirt five times. While Pittsburgh has a vaunted defense, I just cannot see them stopping Fitzgerald without completely abandoning coverage on Arizona's other talented receivers.

And while the media and fans may have developed a crush on Larry Fitzgerald, I think we all can agree that no one loves having No. 11 on his side more than the Cardinals' quarterback.

Kurt Warner has flourished this season in Arizona. Utilizing the bevy of offensive talent that the franchise has provided him, Warner finished second in the NFL in passing yards and third in touchdowns. After years of wondering where the two-time MVP's skills had gone to during a horrendous season with the Giants and a few subpar years with the Cardinals, it would appear Warner's big playmaking abilities were just dormant for awhile. Just like Mike Meyers from "Austin Powers II", Kurt Warner has discovered that he had his mojo all along much to the chagrin of the Falcons, Panthers and Eagles.

A big part of this has been due to the climate of Arizona. Warner makes it no secret that he plays his best football in hot weather or domes, which makes sense since he originally made his name as an arena football player. His best seasons took place under the safety of the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, and now he is building on his career in the warmth of University of Phoenix Stadium. With Sunday's game taking place in Tampa Bay, don't expect to see the same Kurt Warner we witnessed in snowy Gillette Stadium last month when the Patriots drubbed the Cardinals 47-7.

Not only has Warner turned it on just in time for seemingly the last hurrah of his career, but he also promised his kids a puppy dog if he won the Super Bowl before the playoffs started. I'd like

to think that has something to do with Warner's resurgence because he is essentially playing for his children's love. If you hold a puppy over the heads of children and then take it away, they'll never forgive you. So if Kurt collapses against the Steelers, maybe his kids can take solace in knowing that they can just switch the channel to Puppy Bowl V on Animal Planet and watch what they just lost.

After finishing dead last in the NFL rushing yardage with 73.6 rushing yards per game, the Cardinals are now averaging 111 yards per postseason game. While the offensive passing yards per game have dropped in the postseason, Arizona has been a much more complete team in the playoffs thanks to the strong play of veteran back Edgerrin James. Tim Hightower was the main contributor to the Cardinals rushing game in the late regular season, which gave James fresh legs coming into the playoffs. While it may not have been intentional, Head Coach Ken Whisenhunt's decision to lean on Hightower during the season has paid out huge for Arizona. If the Cardinals' newly balanced offense shows up in Tampa Bay on Sunday, Pittsburgh will have a tough time slowing them down.

When it comes to Arizona's performance in the playoffs, nobody has stepped it up in January more than the Cardinals defense. If the Steelers can call their defense the Iron Curtain, I think it is appropriate to dub the Cardinals' D the "Red Tide." The Cardinals may not live and die by their defensive performance, but time and time again they have found ways to make stops when they need one the most.

After allowing 110 rushing yards per game throughout the regular season, the Cardinals have closed the red curtain on their opponents, holding them to only 77 rushing yards per game. I think it needs to be taken into account that the Cardinals managed to improve their rushing defense so immensely despite facing backs like Michael Turner, Deangelo Williams and the Brian Westbrook/Correll Buckhalter two-headed attack. Each of those backs had more rushing yards in the regular season than the entire Arizona offense, and yet somehow the underrated Cardinals' defense managed to contain them.

The linemen have been key contributors in Arizona's defensive renaissance by applying quick

pressure to opposing quarterbacks. Although they have been jumping offside on hard counts, defensive ends Bertrand Berrian and Antonio Smith have been getting quick jumps off the ball and immediately disrupting the backfields of talented offenses. The Cardinals' defense has recorded seven sacks through three games, including one safety against the Falcons.

The pressure that Ben Roethlisberger will feel on Sunday from the defensive line will more than likely cause him to make mistakes like Arizona's last three opposing quarterbacks have. The Cardinals' secondary has been extremely opportunistic throughout the playoffs, snagging eight interceptions even though they finished in the bottom of the league with 13 interceptions through the regular season. A key contributor to this newfound production from the secondary is the effective blitz strong safety Adrian Wilson has been running in the playoffs to catch the quarterback off guard and disrupt the play. Don't be surprised to see a strong safety blitz result in a Dominique-Rodgers Cromartie pick six on Sunday night.

I can throw out statistic after statistic on why the Cardinals have a good shot at winning it all on Sunday, but when it comes down to it this pick just feels right. Devoted Cardinals fans deserve this after decades of toiling at the bottom of the standings. The only franchise in pro sports that has gone longer without a championship is the Chicago Cubs. Most readers may not have known that stat, but the Arizona Cardinals fans have been well aware of their futility for years now. No one in their right mind wants to have the cruel fate of being compared to the Chicago Cubs, and because of that Arizona will win this game.

If for nothing else, the Cardinals will win this one for every die hard fan who has annually bought season tickets only to find his team has not gotten any better.

The Cardinals will win this one for every fan in the Southwest who has sat down on his couch every Sunday to watch his favorite team come up just short.

But most of all, the Cardinals will win this for themselves and show the rest of the football world that they truly are not who we thought they were.

ALL-PRO from page C1

much like Dawkins. He was the favorite player of the NFL legend, Tom Landry. Waters leads all Clemson players with 41 career interceptions. Terry Kinard, Clemson's greatest collegiate player, and Donnell Woolford complete the secondary. Dawkins, Waters, Kinard and Woolford combined 142 interceptions in their careers. While Clemson is known as a linebackers school, that moniker in the NFL is overshadowed by the expertise of former Tiger defensive linemen and secondary players. However, there are plenty of experienced players to fill positions. Levon Kirkland is the only unquestionable starter for the All-Pro Clemson linebacking corps. Kirkland was the fan favorite in Pittsburgh, earning the nickname "The People's Linebacker." His surprising speed for his 270-pound frame made him fun to watch, but downright scary to play against. Kirkland was named to the NFL All-Decade Team for the 1990s. Other than Kirkland, five more Clemson linebackers would have to duke it out for the other two starting positions. Johnny Rembert and Ed McDaniel are the only two that made Pro Bowls as a linebacker. However, Wayne Simmons, Anthony Simmons and Jeff Davis could also make an argument to be on Clemson's All-Pro Team.

On the offensive side of the ball, there is a dropoff in overall talent, but Clemson is not devoid of some stars. At wide receiver, Dwight Clark and Jerry Butler reunite as starters. Both were seniors on Clemson's 1978 team under Charlie Pell. Butler was the better of the duo in college, making the famous play "The Catch" against South Carolina during his junior year. Clark was practically unheard of coming out of college, but he went on to have the better pro career. Clark made 506 receptions for 6,750 yards and 48 touchdowns over a nine-year career with the San Francisco 49ers. Butler nabbed 278 receptions for 4,301 yards and 29 touchdowns with the Buffalo Bills.

At running back, possibly the greatest ninth-round draft pick ever will start. Terry Allen rushed for a touchdown for four different NFL teams. His greatest year was 1996, where he led the league in rushing touchdowns (21). He is Clemson's all-time leader in NFL touchdowns with 79 over his 10-year career.

Blocking for Allen are linemen with plenty of experience, yet with few Pro Bowls. The best of the bunch are the Bostic brothers, Jeff and Joe. The two were in the league for a combined 24 years. Jeff Bostic represented the Washington Redskins in the Pro Bowl in 1983. The only other Clemson lineman to earn that distinction was Harold Olson, who went for the Bills in 1961.

The field general for the offense is Steve Fuller. While he did not have stellar numbers, Fuller made a seven-year career as a back-up. His best season was 1980 where he completed 60.3 percent of his passes for 2,250 yards and 10 touchdowns with 12 interceptions. A poor offensive line was partially to blame for his struggles, as he led the league in getting sacked (49 times in 14 games). Fuller was also the backup for the legendary 1985 Bears team, arguably the greatest team in football history.

How would Clemson's All-Pro Team compare with our feath-

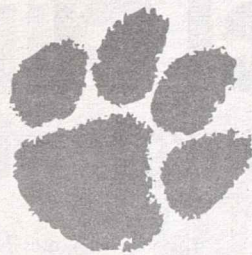
ered friends in Columbia? The competition would not even be close. South Carolina's All-Pro has a few stars, but lacks the depth of Clemson's talent. Leading the Gamecocks is Sterling Sharpe, who played receiver for the Green Bay Packers from 1988-94. Sharpe made five Pro Bowls over his seven-year career. His career was shorted by a neck injury. He was still at the top of his game when he retired, as he had a league-leading 18 receiving touchdowns in 1994. His fellow receiver in Green Bay, Robert Brooks, would also make the South Carolina All-Pro Team. Brooks played eight years in the league, finishing with 4,276 yards and 32 touchdowns. While the receiving duo for USC is slightly better than Clemson's Clark and Butler, the problem for USC is that they would have no one to throw them the ball. Anthony Wright is the only quarterback with experience at all. He amassed an 8-11 record as a starter over a six-year career. Experience is a problem for Carolina's offensive line as well, as only three linemen (Steve Courson, Jamar Nesbit and Don Rodgers) have been NFL starters for more than four years. The offensive line would have a tough time blocking for a capable running back in George Rodgers.

Defensively, the Gamecocks would have to patch some positions together. Linebacker Tom Addison made four Pro Bowls in the 1960s for the Boston Patriots. End Larry Craig made three during the 1940s for Green Bay. The only recent defensive star for USC is defensive end John Abraham who also made three Pro Bowls for the Jets in 2001, 2002 and 2003. Defensive back Bobby Bryant is the only other USC defensive player to make the Pro Bowl, who played for the Minnesota Vikings from 1968-1980.

The true discrepancies between the two teams are shown when comparing the number of NFL veterans. Clemson has had 18 players that started in the NFL for at least eight years. Twelve of those veterans have played since the 1990 season. South Carolina has only had three eight-year starters — none of which has played since 1989. The Tigers have been blessed with quality as well as longevity in NFL stars. Clemson has had 24 different players make 49 total Pro-Bowls. Dawkins leads all former Tigers with seven. By comparison, South Carolina has had eight players who made a total of 20 Pro-Bowls. Sharpe leads all former Gamecocks with five.

Clemson would dominate a hypothetical match-up between these two teams. While Clemson might sputter with Fuller leading the offense, the Clemson all-world defensive line would swallow the Gamecocks patchwork offensive line. Clemson's specialists, kicker David Treadwell and punter Chris Gardocki, would aid the Tigers defensive gameplan. Both Treadwell and Gardocki were Pro-Bowlers. With Gardocki pinning the Gamecocks deep, Clemson stellar defense would shut out the Gamecocks. All Clemson's offense would need is to get in field goal position for Treadwell to score. Should the game prove to be unexpectedly close, Treadwell has a history of clutch kicks. His game winning field goals against Georgia in 1986 and 1987 are two of the greatest kicks in Clemson history.

After the outcome of the game, the ability to develop successful NFL players would emerge as yet another reason why Clemson is better than South Carolina.

**CLEMSON'S ALL-PRO TEAM**

QB Steve Fuller

RB Terry Allen
FB Bill MathisWR Jerry Butler
WR Dwight ClarkOL Jeff Bostic
OL Joe Bostic
OL Steve Kenney
OL Harold Olson
OL Don Chuy

TE Bennie Cunningham

DL Michael Dean Perry
DL Chester McGlockton
DL Trevor Pryce
DL Jeff BryantLB Johnny Rembert
LB Levon Kirkland
LB Ed McDanielDB Brian Dawkins
DB Charlie Waters
DB Donnell Woolford
DB Terry KinardK David Treadwell
P Chris Gardocki
RET Justin Miller**CAROLINA'S ALL-PRO TEAM**

QB Bill Troup

RB George Rogers
FB Stanley PritchettWR Sterling Sharpe
WR Robert BrooksOL Steve Courson
OL Jamar Nesbit
OL Sam DeLuca
OL Travelle Wharton
OL James Dexter

TE Willie Scott

DL Larry Craig
DL John Abraham
DL Shaun Smith
DL Andrew ProvenceLB Tom Addison
LB Corey Miller
LB Gerald DixonDB Bobby Bryant
DB Dunta Robinson
DB Terry Cousin
DB Bill Currier.K Cedric Oglesby
P Max Runager
RET Brandon Bennett**SWIM** from page C1

team breakfast and the meet. It was great for our parents to have an opportunity to honor us on the pool deck before the meet, also. And at night, the senior dinner at Calhoun Corners just helped to top off the day, being able to hear our parents and coach reflect on the past four years. Overall, the entire day was one I will remember for a long time."

The Lady Tigers came out firing with a win in the 200-yard medley relay. Parkhurst, Katrina Obas, Maddie Tarantolo and Lauren Sindall combined to out-touch the Lady Wolfpack by over a half-second. The streak continued with a one-two-three punch in the 1000-yard freestyle with Sarah Smith, Lauren Cranston and Summer O'Donnell scoring solid points for the Lady Tigers. Smith and Cranston would later swim the 500-yard freestyle, placing third and fourth with teammate Casey Kroll taking second.

"I had mixed emotions going into my last swim meet at our home pool," said senior Cranston. "I have been swimming for almost 15 years, so as you can imagine I was bitter-sweet about my career coming to end. I will definitely miss representing the Tigers as an athlete but I will never, ever forget it."

A few minutes later, the Lady Tigers again took the top three spots in the 200-yard freestyle with Toni Kroll, Cassy LaRussa and Joanna Rakoczy placing first, second, and third, respectively. Senior Parkhurst teamed up with freshman Kelly Fowler to go one-two in the 100-yard backstroke. Fowler would later return to win her first event of her collegiate career in the 200-yard backstroke. The one-two-three punches continued in the 200-yard fly with Meggie Mizelle, Sarah Porri and Elizabeth Savage

shutting out the ladies of North Carolina State.

In the sprint events, the Lady Tigers had yet another one-two-three finish in the 50-yard freestyle with Alex Allen, Caitlin Seed and Tarantolo taking down the North Carolina State women. Seed would return a short time later to place second in the 100 free with Toni Kroll taking third. Obas would touch first for the Lady Tigers in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:20.32 seconds, a full two seconds ahead of second place.

The final event of the day, the 200-yard freestyle relay, was one for the book, literally. The Lady Tiger relay of Rachel Regone, Sindall, Allen and Parkhurst combined to take down the pool record by two seconds, with a final time of 1:32.21 seconds. These four women are the two-time defending ACC champions in this event. Regone also broke the pool record in her lead-off 50-yard freestyle, breaking the mark set by Angel Myers of Furman. Her time was 22.79 seconds.

"The memory I will keep for the rest of my life is that of our last run from the team room into our huddle on the deck to shout the cadence count at the top of our lungs," said senior co-captain Regone.

On the boards, the freshmen duo of Brooke George and Cassie Self placed first and second on one-meter, achieving NCAA Zone qualifying marks in the process. Fellow male divers David Giambra and Ryan McDaniel had a solid afternoon, with Giambra erasing another record and replacing it with his own on three-meter along with winning three-meter and taking second on one-meter. McDaniel also qualified for NCAA Zones on three-meter and finished third on one-meter.

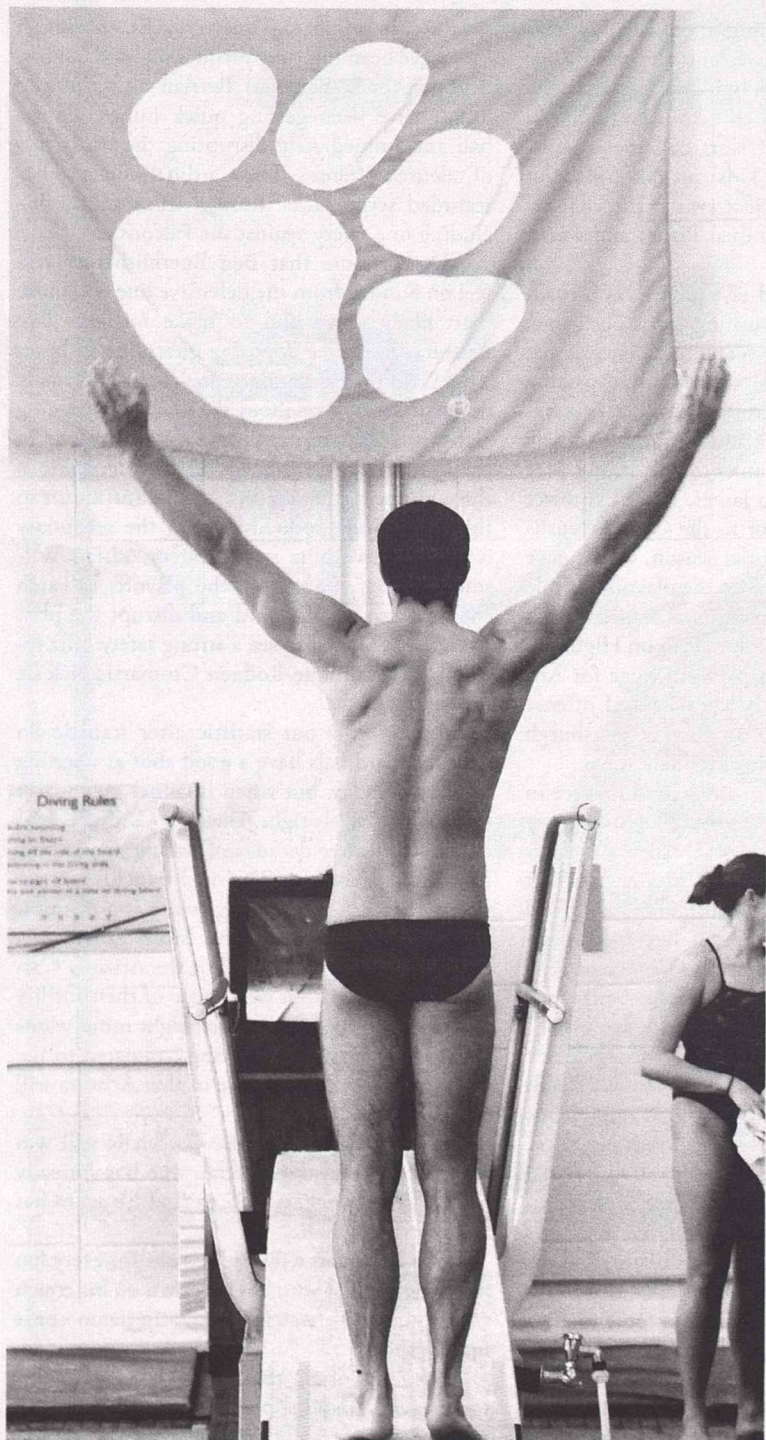
The Clemson men had a close meet, with Clemson and North Caro-

lina State trading the lead throughout the afternoon. With a win in the 200-yard medley relay, the Tigers fought hard to keep the lead. Scott Cleary and Matt Angelini took second and third in the 200-yard freestyle, trying to use their depth to break up the Wolfpack. The Clemson men also had a one-two-three sweep of the 100-yard backstroke, with freshman Chris Dart taking first. Teammates Tom Recko and Jason Chatlosh placed second and third, respectively. Recko would return to place first in the 200-yard backstroke a little while later. Senior Eric Lane would help out the Tiger effort with a second place finish in both the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke.

"It was quite a memorable meet," said senior McDaniel. "The whole weekend drew the senior class together even more so than before. I will always remember my experiences and memories I have with my teammates. It has been an exhilarating year."

The freshmen sprinting trio of Seth Broster, Dart and Myles Oliver combined to take first, third and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle after Oliver placed second in the 50-yard freestyle a few minutes before. Broster would later team up with freshman teammate Harry Foster in the 100-yard butterfly to place first and second, respectively. Dart returned for his final event with Angelini in the 200-yard individual medley, finishing second and third.

"There are too many things I have learned from being on this team, so it's hard to pinpoint everything," said senior O'Donnell. "But nevertheless, I have learned so much about trust and togetherness. It is so true — there is no 'I' in team, and there never will be. I have learned that I am one person who helps the rest, but can always make a difference. I love this team, now and forever."



A Clemson diver balances before a dive during Saturday's home meet.

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You probably have given up
on your New Year's Resolutions
by now... Chocolate anyone?

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Band to perform at Esso

Simplified, new in the national spotlight, features a spectrum of genres.

JONATHAN YONGUE
TIMEOUT EDITOR

A unique sound is coming to Clemson on Feb. 7 with the band Simplified, a relatively new group from Charlotte, N.C., performing at the Esso Club. Its distinctive mix of reggae, rock, folk and funk music has given the five-year-old band attention beyond its home of the southeast.

Combining the genres of reggae, rock, folk and funk can't be an easy task, but the band feels it upholds the challenge and goes beyond expectations. According to Simplified's own Web site, "(We) take up where genre benders stop short, expanding cleverly on music that sounds familiar, but is decidedly different."

The band said it believes its strongest attribute is its capacity to create its own unique spectrum and realm of style that branches from folk to rock and funk without losing its "Simplified-ness."

The growing attention for the young band has propelled it from the local to national spotlight. So in response, it

announced a busy national tour, the dream of any young musician, for 2009 that includes a performance on Feb. 1 in conjunction with the Super Bowl, followed shortly after by a

performance at the Chicago House of Blues.

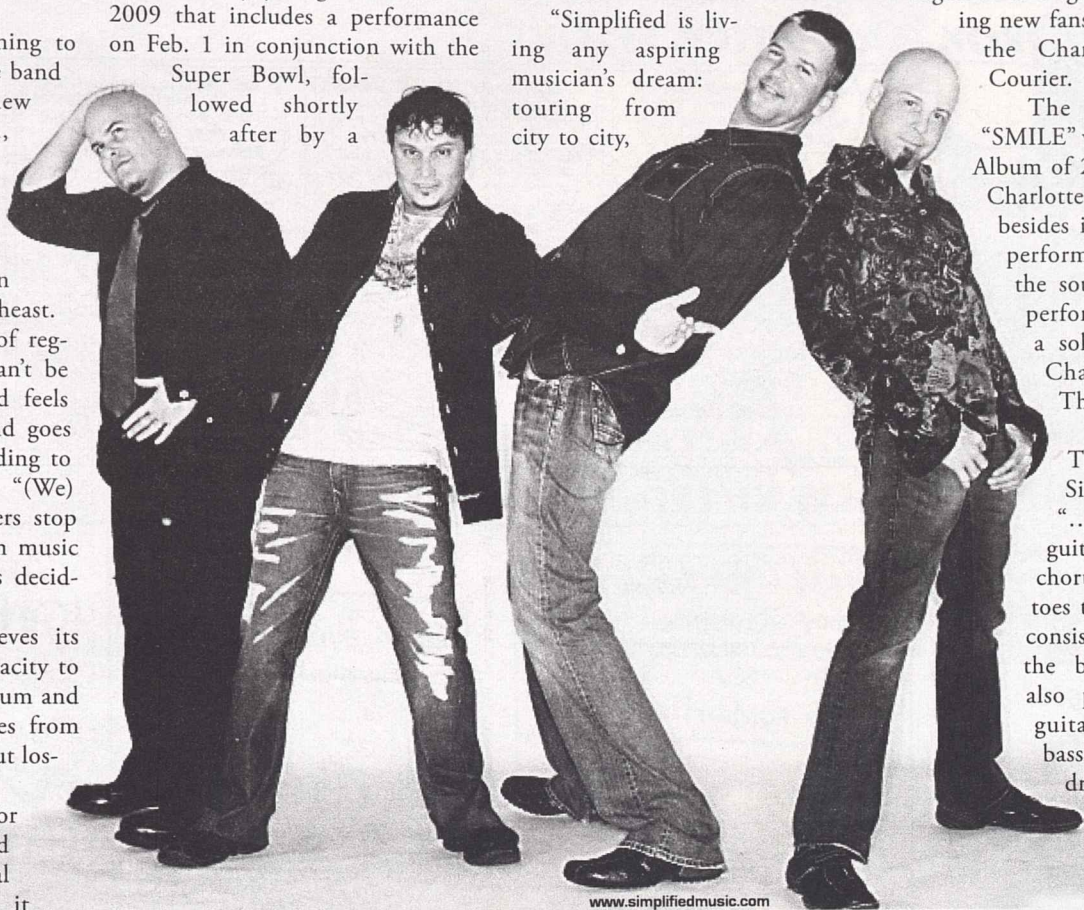
"Simplified is living any aspiring musician's dream: touring from city to city,

playing the music they've written together and greeting and meeting new fans every night," said the Charleston Post and Courier.

The band's album "SMILE" won the "Best Rock Album of 2007" award at the Charlotte Music Awards, and besides its other numerous performances throughout the southeast, it recently performed in front of a sold-out audience at Charlotte's Visulite Theatre.

The Mountain Times described Simplified's songs as, "...chock full of great guitar licks and catchy choruses designed to get toes tapping." The band consists of Clee Laster, the band's singer who also plays the acoustic guitar, Chris Lynch, bassist, and Tim Lail, drums.

Its performance at the Esso Club on Feb. 7 starts at 9 p.m.



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"Button" tells of a curious life.



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ASSISTANT TIMEOUT EDITOR

Adapted from the short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" is a visually stunning masterpiece directed by David Fincher and starring Brad Pitt and Kate Blanchett.

"Button" takes place in New Orleans in the early 1920s after the end of World War I and follows the bizarre life of Benjamin Button (Brad Pitt), a child born in his eighties. A diary kept by Benjamin and read to his life's love, Daisy (Kate Blanchett), in the midst of her quickly approaching death, drives the story as Benjamin ages backward from a frail old man to child to infant.

Though the pretense of the story is as magical a tale as they come, the story is grounded in realism and the plot seems wonderfully plausible (however implausible aging backward actually is).

The cinematography alone is enough to make this movie one of the best of the year. The visual effects and makeup are unparalleled. Pitt truly appears to progress from his eighties to his younger self, and he looks as handsome as ever the entire time.

Nominated for dozens of awards already, Pitt is surrounded by a talented cast including Taraji P. Henson who plays Pitt's adopted mother, Queenie. She gives the role an emotional depth and warmth that brings acceptance to Pitt's unusual condition. Blanchett holds her own in the film as Pitt's enigmatic love interest who we also watch progress throughout the story as her and Pitt's lives intersect at various points.

The story culminates as Blanchett and Pitt "meet in the middle" of their ages and begin a long-awaited love affair; but the unique circumstances of Pitt's condition bring about complications. The last hour of the long-running drama is a tragic descent into Pitt's awaiting youth and had the audience holding back sobs.

The movie has been nominated for 13 Oscars for the Feb. 22 awards show and is a strong contender against the favorite "Slumdog Millionaire" for the top award, Best Picture. The movie's director, David Fincher, nominated for Best Director, previously directed the movies "Alien," "Seven," "Fight Club" and most recently, "Zodiac."

ON THE PROWL

by HONEY RIDER

Technology these days keeps expanding and growing, both when it comes to seriously advanced NASA technology and to inventing bigger and better sex toys. With all the new developments in the bedroom entertainment area, there are some product design meetings it would be interesting to attend.

There's the JeJoue SaSi "personal massager." It's a toy that gets intelligent with your nether regions. It doesn't look like much; just a pearly curved, oblong object that closely resembles many vibrators and dildos of today. However, the Sasi has a built-in motion playlist and it also learns what the lady likes, what pleases her and what her triggers are. And like any intelligent vibrator should, occasionally, just for kicks, it rocks a bit of spontaneous freestylin' to give you a surprise. It's priced at \$175, and for that price, it'd better stay around for pillow talk and cuddling...

A new product called "The Toy" just made text messaging a whole lot racier. The Toy, an SMS-activated vibrator, recently became the first Bluedildonics product to hit the market. Bluedildonic is a new term coined for sexually related technology that communicates with your mobile cell phone via Bluetooth. All you have to do is send your paramour a specially worded and tagged text describing the action The Toy should take and The Toy will respond in kind. As all special toys should be, The Toy is discreet, and it remains invisible during Bluetooth searches. It also isn't activated until the message is read so discretion won't be undone by sounds of surprise.

The Toy is also a great option for partners in long distance relationships.

Then there's this little vibrator that's been making it rounds in the U.K. and starting to pick up in the States as well; it's called "The Love Bug." This remotely controlled "love egg" (which is just a nicer name for "vibrator") has three different speeds and four different pulse settings. The remote control has a range of six meters, so you can enjoy this alone or with your partner. It also claims to be "whisper quiet." There's also the option that you could take it along with you when you head to work or class. Just make sure you don't leave your remote lying around where someone else can find it and start fiddling with it. Then again, maybe you should?

Podcasting is exciting. But you know what's even more exciting? iBods. iBods are soft porn offered by Playboy for downloading and viewing on iPhone Photo. The small screen is heating up with this new wave of racy images and film clips that are making their way to mobile phones and the video iPods. Now you'll have a little something to enjoy no matter where you go.

Gynecologist David Matlock, MD, recently invented something called the G-Shot. It "is

a simple, nonsurgical, physician-administered treatment that can temporarily augment the Grafenburg spot (G-spot) in sexually active women with normal sexual function," according to their Web site.

Basically, it's a collagen shot given to women in the wall of their vagina in the G-spot that causes them to become sexually aroused more easily, more frequently and improves orgasms.

In a pilot study, 87 percent of women surveyed after receiving the G-Shot reported enhanced sexual arousal/gratification. The effect can last for up to four months.

Engineers have just introduced a robotic sex chair, Le Chair, that is based on "love furniture" already available in Japan. It comes with motors in the seat and back supports that can pound, vibrate or stroke. One seat adjusts up and down to place lovers in optimal positions for various intimate activities, and both sides provide arm and leg support as well.

The target audience for Le Chair is "adventurous people" and "people with physical limitations," says California Exotic Novelties, although of course it's fun for everyone.

There's also a teledildonic chair called the Thrillhammer. Oh goodness! The name alone sends shivers up my spine. The Thrillhammer is a



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"Mad Science presents CSI: Live," an interactive look through crime scene investigations. Science experiments will be done in the Brooks Center lobby 45 min prior to show time. 7 p.m. \$10.

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"Turtle Island Quartet with Special Guest Cyrus Chestnut." The Grammy award-winning quartet will be joined by jazz pianist Chestnut. Brooks Center. 8 p.m.

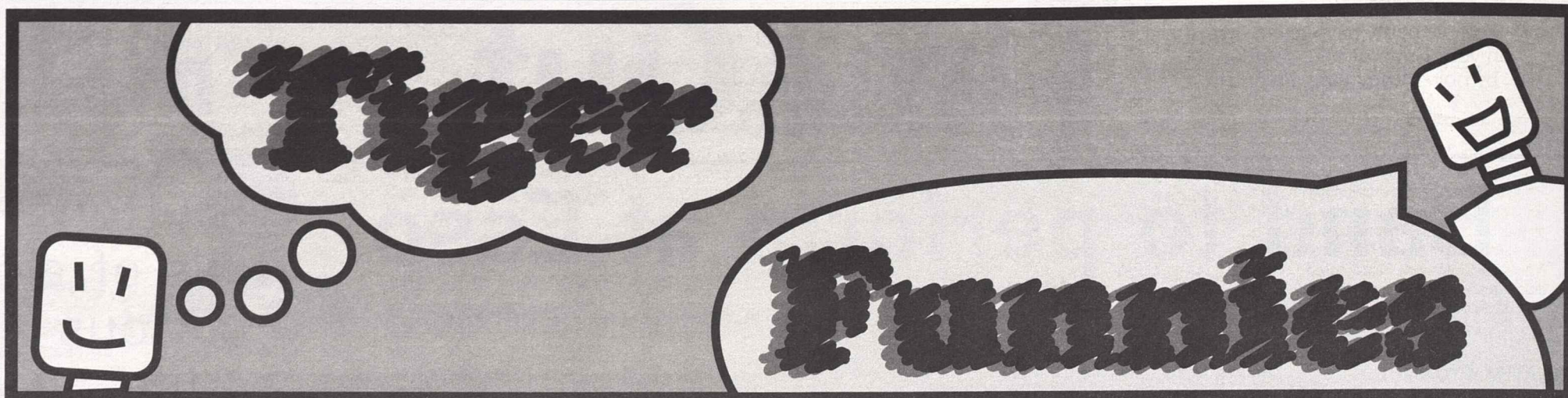
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Clemson's men's basketball plays Duke at Littlejohn Coliseum. 9 p.m.

"100 Days for the Environment" A Web cast of Global Warming solutions will be held along with a discussion. Tillman Auditorium. 6:30 p.m. Free.

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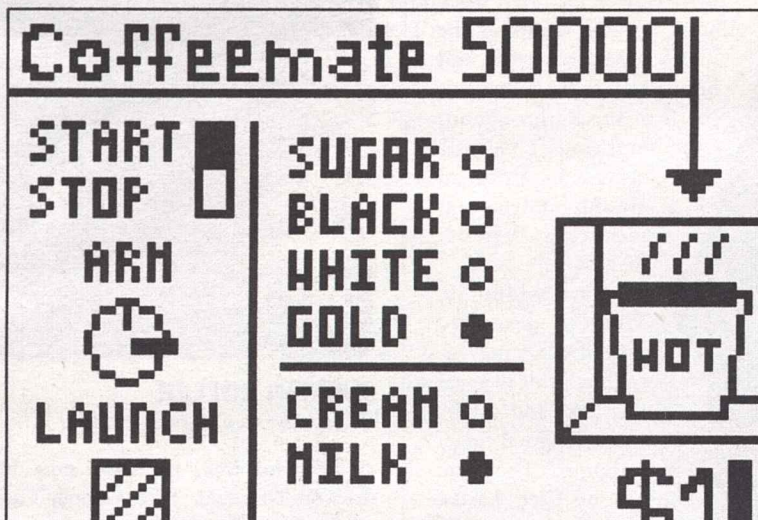
Conference on Global Warming solutions and Green Expo. Will feature various Clemson Faculty and guest speakers. Hendrix Student Center. 9:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Free.



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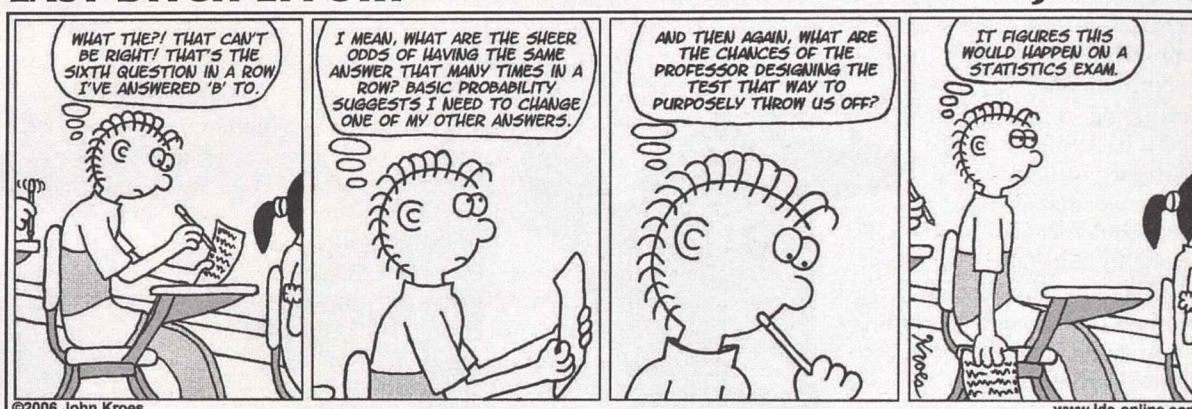
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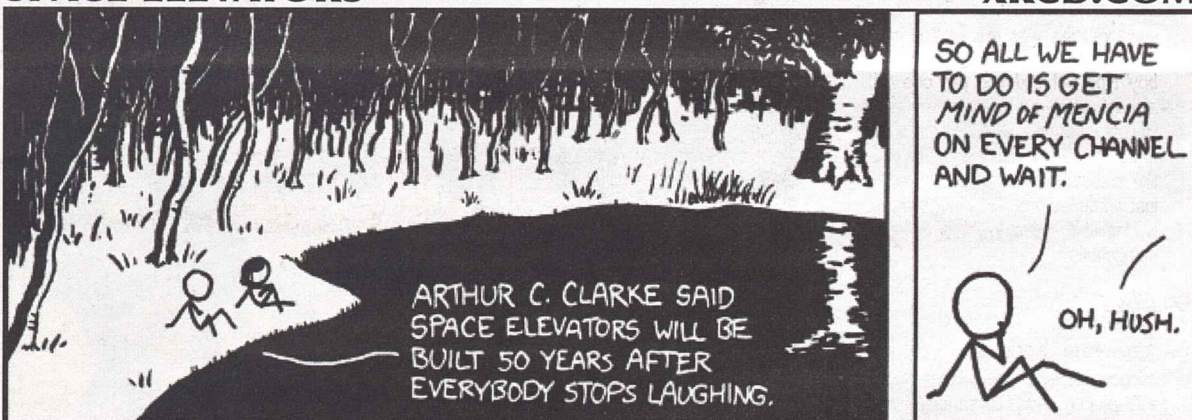
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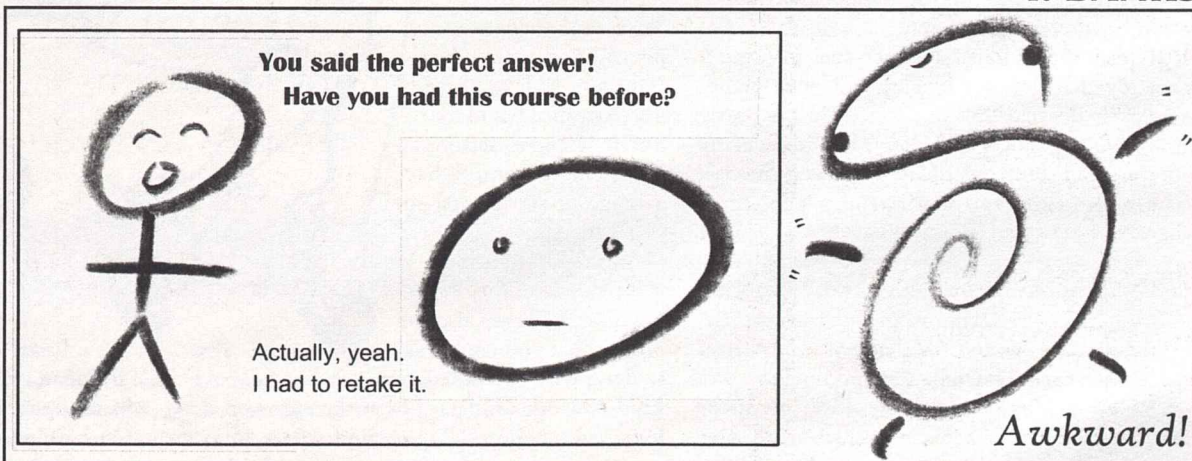
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Horoscopes

Divined by
Jorge Torrecita

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Prepare for some serious explaining when your parents see the charges to Nigeria on your cell phone bill. They may get even more suspicious when your bank account is suddenly found empty. That deposed dictator really didn't want to send you \$10 million, now did he? If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You got absolutely nowhere going to the career fair. You need an internship, and they had plenty... just none in your major. In such a receding economy there are few opportunities for your degree in financial management to be put to good use. If the professionals can't do it, how can you? Hello, future sous-chef at Wendy's!

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Canceling your cable service since your Internet never works might make for a good protest against terrible customer service, but then how will you "read Wikipedia" at two in the morning? Protip: Do NOT do so in the library. Well, the first floor might work, but still!

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

There are four basic truths to life and my crystal ball tells me you'll experience them all this year. You're going to pay taxes. You're going to die. Shit flows downhill. Don't chew your nails on the sewer job. Oh well, enjoy until April, right?

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Who ate the last Pop Tart? They all know it was you. And since Mars is in the fifth house, this means your days are numbered. That number? Less than one. Say your prayers.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

He hates you, he hates you, he's always hated you and guess what? His mother hates you too... "for she the one who put him to do this." Yes, you go for the "bad boy" type, but next time, pick one with at least a third-grader's grammar ability! His hatred of "the man" will seem far more attractive if he understands words like "disestablishmentarianism." Actually, just words like "economy," for starters. Under which rocks do you find these numbskulls?

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Saturn's rise and Mercury's fall both suggest someone special may make an appearance in your life sometime soon. Or said appearance may have already happened. Be ready, and remember not to screw it up like you did last time.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

There's much to be said for going to class and doing your homework on time. All-nighters are bad, especially this early in the semester. Jupiter's crossing of the third house points to your New Year's resolutions going up in smoke. Try harder!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

With so many things going on in your life right now it's difficult for anyone to keep up! What you might try is a Twitter feed informing everyone of notable developments, since they seem to happen for you about 12 times a day. In the name of efficiency, please make this process electronic!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

If you're planning on messing around with another member of Scorpio (or Scorpions), know in advance that he will definitely "Rock You Like a Hurricane." He'll rock you, oh yes. All the way down the road to the Planned Parenthood clinic. Be careful, now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Think carefully before changing your major; the business college charges you several thousand dollars extra per year!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Avoid the dining hall this week; Neptune low and Venus high suggest a rare type of food poisoning coming your way. If you get sick, expect to be incapacitated for at least a fortnight. Since the best way of not becoming ill around here is to avoid Harcombe, Schilleter and Clemson House like the plague, it holds doubly true for you right now.



ZACH
MUSGRAVE
STAFF WRITER



In the tech world, things often go wrong. Companies file for bankruptcy, Internet applications magically disappear after we pay for them, protected music files refuse to play back, et cetera et cetera, ad infinitum. No matter where we are in life and no matter what we do, bad things happen. But when it comes to technology it seems the Grim Reaper comes knocking at our door far more often than for any other reason.

Why is that? Are computers, the Internet, personal music players and cell phones so inherently unreliable that we have not a snowball's chance in hell at living unmolested by their shenanigans? It never happens that our printer, for example, says, "Oh hey, I know you only need 15 more pages out of this ink cartridge but why not, I'm a nice guy. I'll hook you up with another 30. Have a nice day!" Not a chance!

A more common scenario has our printer saying, "Yes, I know my

ink meter says that I have another 30 pages remaining, but some jerk pissed in my Corn Flakes this morning, my scan bed is dirty and I have to pick up the photo paper from soccer camp. I don't care that you only need 15 pages and are already late for class. Go (expletive, verb, transitive, rhymes with "luck") yourself, you filthy, cretinous bag of water!"

Our printer may not talk to us (or at least have such a grasp on the English language), but the situation is a familiar one. When faced with techno-trauma we experience such frustration, such primal rage at our digital companions. (Note we do not say "semi-sentient life partners," as the human-electro-mechanical political climate resembles that of a war-torn African nation and we don't want to set off any virtual land mines.)

How many times has our friend, a Dean's List regular in civil engineering exclaimed in frustration, "My computer hates me!" and meant it? If our professors, with their doctorates, journal articles and arcane textbooks still cannot operate Blackboard to save their lives, is something wrong? If we make backups, why do they fail at the exact moment we need them most?

Think about how much and how often we use a certain technology — computers, for instance. Most college students use at least one computer for hours a day. Most of us leave that computer on all the time, effec-

tively requiring 100 percent uptime from a single non-redundant device. Compare this to electricity service from any company like Duke Energy, which has an uptime rating of around 98.7 percent. That last little bit makes a big difference over a year! We all get annoyed when the power goes out for the same reason we become infuriated when our computers go to lunch.

Furthermore, things like this happen to everyone. I'm majoring in computer science and just last week experienced a non-booting desktop (fried power supply and motherboard), a laptop with a virus (On a Mac! Beat that!), a failing external hard drive, a cell phone that abjectly refused to call anyone (including Verizon!) and broken printers, servers and programming environments owned by myself, all my roommates and Clemson's School of Computing. In one week.

Unforeseen problems arise. But we should keep telling ourselves it does not happen very often, even though sometimes it seems an almost daily occurrence. We should remember the Law of Averages still holds true, and in reality problems are rare. Technology breaks, but so do our professors' dentures (long story, another time perhaps).

Preparing for catastrophe is a really good idea and so is buying one of those hand-crank lanterns: During that 1.3 percent of the year when we have no power, we by extension don't

have cold, glowing digital machines to warm our hearts and light our apartments. As long as we have arm power to crank the lantern and a book to read, maybe we can make do.

And on the bright side, let the Grim Reaper TRY to come for my copy of "Anna Karenina." I, for one, think he will have a much harder time than he did with my cell phone.

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ALLYSON KINARD

STAFF WRITER



I was hoping to throw a little diversity in and write about a different show this week, but I am afraid I was only able to catch one due to a busy week and a short stay in the hospital. Since the only full episode CBS.com decided to post was "CSI," this can just be a follow up from last week's article. In case you happened to miss it, I'll write a quick recap: Laurence Fishbourne joined the cast of "CSI" in place of William Peterson, who left in an emotional episode after a nine-year stint on the CBS megahit.

I proceeded to express my mixed feelings about Fishbourne as Peterson's replacement, saying that he may be a bit too dry for the part. While Fishbourne's character did prove to be rather dry and slightly monotonous, the episode was not terrible. If I had to describe it in one word, I would probably use the adjective "awkward." The other CSIs are obviously having some trouble accepting Dr. Langston (Fishbourne), as well as coping with Grissom's (Peterson) departure. No one can decide who wants Grissom's office or what to do with his beloved fetal pig, which seems to be a bigger concern to the CSIs than the robbery they are supposed to be investigating. Brown-nosing lab rat David Hodges (Wallace Langham) is less than welcoming to Dr. Langston, although Nick Stokes (George Eads) and Catherine Willows (Marg Helgenberger) seem to be trying to coach the rookie through his first crime scenes in which he appears endearingly unsure of what to do. Seeing such a normally tough character show that sort of vulnerability makes me a little uneasy, since I still imagine him driving the Nebuchadnezzar to

work. However, it makes Langston's character a little more believable, or at least not quite as mechanical as I thought he would seem.

It makes perfect sense, therefore, that Langston's first murder victim is a well-done burn victim, whose house blew up while Langston and Stokes were covering the robbery. In my opinion, a burn victim would be one of the worst kinds to find, an opinion that Langston, the new guy, seems to agree with. The team lets Langston handle the body (I guess as part of his training, since Stokes is standing idly to the side), which involves a sequence of somewhat comical gagging from Langston when he accidentally loses his grip and a rather large portion of the burn victim's skin slides off. His tie also gets in the muck, and he is forced to cut the damaged portion off as evidence, an act that is a cardinal sin in the Fishbourne world. Combined with the negative response from his robbery suspect, it is obvious that Langston's first day is an extremely tough one.

My biggest concern at the moment is that Langston, who I have so looked forward to seeing on the show, may not last. Things did not turn out so well for Keppler (Liev Schreiber), the last guy that took Grissom's place. Schreiber also carried his previous personas into the show, playing the stolid and creepy character that he is known for in movies such as "The Manchurian Candidate." Fishbourne is also a relatively big name in the film industry and it seems fairly unlikely that he would hang around as long as the lesser-known Peterson. I do hope



he hangs around for awhile longer, because I would really love to start getting used to a consistent cast.

Speaking of which, Riley Adams (Lauren Lee Smith) still seems like the "new guy," even though Langston technically is. I feel like Adams and I did not get to know each other well enough before Langston took over the show, and I think that the quick move between Warrick being replaced and Grissom leaving severely undermined her character. I would like to get to know Adams better, since she will probably be around for awhile. This actually does not matter so much, since the new guy will always be new; after years, I'm still not used to Prentiss on "Criminal Minds," but I think her character should get just as much attention as Langston's.

I apologize that I will not be able to suggest which shows are "must see" this week, but if you have not seen the latest "Criminal Minds," which I happen to be watching right now, it is definitely worth glancing at. This week's episode, "Bloodline," was an entirely new breed of messed up, focusing on a family (mother, father and son) that abducted young girls together. "The Mentalist" is still a fresh show and is usually worth watching, and "Eleventh Hour" remains endlessly intriguing, even if it happens to be a little out there.

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reclining chair used by a woman that includes a thrustable, rotating and vibrating dildo, controlled via the Internet, and controllable Webcam.

Intensity and direction settings are directly controllable by either the chair or via a flash interface panel.

The reclining seat itself can be made to vibrate in sections.

It's quite a large piece of equipment, but to avoid the potential embarrassment of every visitor to your house seeing your sex interface, the vibrator assembly detaches and the footrests swivel up, turning it into a stylishly designed lounge chair.

Technology is a very lovable thing.

The Top 5

DISNEY CHANNEL ORIGINAL MOVIES

BY CAITLIN ROLLER

"Motocrossed"

This tale of an overbearing, sexist father who does not allow his daughter to ride motocross while her twin brother can is the ultimate Disney girl power saga. With her mother's help, Andrea Carson secretly rides motocross in her brother's place after he breaks his leg and her father is looking for a replacement. She wins, and her father has to put away all his sexist ideals. The only down side is Andrea's unfortunate haircut.

"Brink!"

This late '90s Disney Channel original glorified the lives of five competitive in-line skating pre-teens. As is customary in other Disney originals, the five pre-teen roller-bladers win the big competition, and everyone lives happily ever after. It has the classic elements of any Disney movie: friendship, diversity and Erik von Detten; his bowl cut was truly dreamy.

"Johnny Tsunami"

Surfer dude Johnny is uprooted from Hawaii and placed in chilly Vermont where a territorial war between two high schools, the private school skiers and the public school snowboarders, ensues over a mountain and its two ski resorts. The conflict has Johnny battling it out to bring a truce between the two rivals. He of course wins, and the mountain is shared and everyone becomes friends. Heartwarming.

"Zenon: Girl of The 21st Century"

Thirteen-year-old Zenon Car and her crazy antics get her sent from her space station home to Earth where her quirky neon spandex fetish has earthlings in an uproar. Adolescence and pre-teen romances abound, and Zenon ends up saving the world. The movie ends as she is brought to a concert for the best Disney Channel original movie song ever, "My Super Nova Girl": "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom make my heart go boom, boom."

"High School Musical"

Though past our Disney Channel prime, I am sure we can all appreciate the sheer awesomeness that is "High School Musical." The sappy songs, the choreographed dance numbers and the ridiculously stereotypical characters all make for the ultimate Disney Channel movie. There is even a sing-a-long version; sweet!

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LIZ HUNTER

STAFF WRITER

There's a lot to be said for escapism, and I don't think it's any coincidence that the wildcard film "Slumdog Millionaire" is heading into the Oscars next month the clear favorite for Best Picture after making an impressive sweep so far in the award season. Whether or not the film is deserving of the top honor, I'm not entirely convinced, but I am convinced that it is indeed a beautiful reverie in a far away place that is certainly worth the 20 minute drive to Anderson, the eight dollars for your ticket and the two hours of your evening.

It's no surprise that in a time when our own culture is undergoing a major downsize in self esteem, a fairytale of a film that sweeps us far away from our own circumstances is the one we turn to for an escapist moment of beauty and inspiration. "Slumdog Millionaire" is undoubtedly a skillfully produced film, and one that is magnetic in its mysterious pull; but it is also simply the latest in a long tradition of cultural tourism in which the Western world engages, a tourism that is almost always pointed East. When the hyper-technological and rat-raced pulse of the Western world disappoints us, we look beyond our borders to a place less linear than ours, a place that looks, smells and feels significantly different in its quiet wisdom, especially in comparison to our hectic youth and obsessive self-importance.

The film delivers on its promise of escape; however, while it takes place entirely in India, it is inevitably a film that is largely about the

Western world. Set in the slums of Mumbai, the film follows the life of a poor but determined Indian youngster named Jamal who finds himself in his early 20s as a contestant on the Indian version of the game show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" The film's pace and structure are set to each question that Jamal answers correctly in his march towards becoming the ultimate "rags-to-Raja" face of Indian poverty. Jamal draws on his life experiences for the answers to the random trivia questions, proving that what we Americans might call a "street education" can create just as thoughtful and wise a person as a cushy college education does a spoiled kid from the suburbs.

The "Millionaire" apparatus begins to stretch itself thin as the film goes on and Jamal manages to answer each increasingly difficult question correctly, becoming inevitably trite and far-fetched in its extreme odds of actuality - although crazier things have happened. The story of Jamal's life itself is a compelling fusion of Indian cultural history and American self-determinism. The strange paradox of a young man who grew up as an orphan without shoes to put on his feet or a place to call home sitting in a fiercely modern television studio with a clear glass stage and thousands upon thousands of dollars worth of lighting equipment is a visual expression of this odd Eastern/Western, past/future fusion. This story is about a boy who begins the film literally covered in shit (a particularly difficult yet hilarious scatological visual metaphor to take in), but who nonetheless becomes the shining bastion for what we are all taught as modern Americans in



elementary schools - that no matter who we are, we can become anything.

It is interesting to note, however, that the approach to this beaten-in lesson is explored in new, less imperialistically Western terms that do seem to be truer to its subject. One of the key phrases of the film and to Jamal's unflinching determinism is his belief that "it is written." This phrase is significant in regard not only to the religious and regional beliefs it represents, but also in its proximity to one of the most important films of all time, one that also happens to be a Western take on the East.

In "Lawrence of Arabia," (absolutely required viewing, by the way) the main character Lawrence is a British military officer who finds himself intimately connected with the Arabian culture he comes into contact with. In the film he struggles between his own identity as a British soldier and his newfound identification with the culture and tribesmen with whom he

bonds. In the film, the leaders of the tribes often insist to Lawrence in their reasoning to accept defeat or fail to push forward that "it is written." Lawrence replies, every time with increasing force, with the very British response that "nothing is written." This ideal is particularly Western, and very much indicative of the difference between the two societies' reasoning. It is significant, then, that in "Slumdog Millionaire," this young Indian man's bravery and dedication to bettering his life come from his opposing idea that "it is written."

The film is set to a thumping score that drives the fast-moving plot and camera as we race through the early life of a man whose story is still in the middle of being written, and as we catch up with him during the final question and answer for one million dollars. It is a dream of a situation for a modern day prince in a fairytale that merges old-world ideals with new-world situations to create a story that is as satisfying as it is colorful.

SHOWTIMES AT THE STARLIGHT STADIUM 14 TONIGHT

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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

1:10 p.m. | 6:55 p.m.

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1:00 p.m. | 6:50 p.m.

Frost/Nixon

4:00 p.m. | 9:50 p.m.

Gran Torino

2:00 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. | 7:50 p.m. | 10:30 p.m.

Hotel for Dogs

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Inkheart

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Last Chance Harvey

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Milk

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New in Town

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Notorious

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Paul Blart: Mall Cop

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Slumdog Millionaire

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The Unborn

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Underworld: Rise of the Lycans

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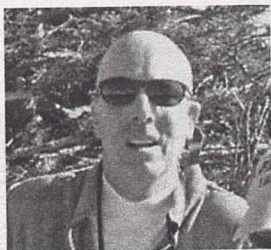
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Michael Ulmer
Simpsonville, SC

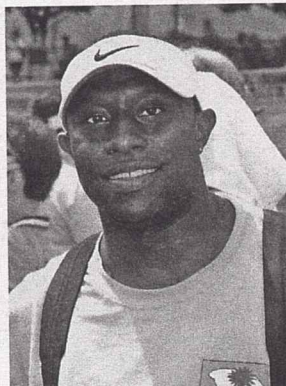
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Simpsonville, SC

Tillman Chesney is a fighter. And

thanks to the courageous and heroic actions of a family that donated their child's heart, Tillman did not succumb to a defective heart condition at a very young age. Instead, Tillman is expected to live a long, healthy life filled with love and laughter. His parents will get to see him grow up and hopefully one day graduate high school, go to college and maybe even get married. Thanks to the kindness and courage of a donor family, Tillman's life will continue to progress. Make a difference in someone's life. Become an organ and tissue donor at Every11Minutes.org.



Dwayne Lytle
Inman, SC

Dwayne Lytle is alive and kicking today because a family member donated a kidney to save his life. Thanks to this brave and selfless act, Dwayne will continue to enjoy running and exercising, playing football and basketball, coaching his children and watching them grow up. The simple act of organ donation has altered Dwayne's life forever, giving him a second chance to pursue his dreams and share joy with his family and friends. It's incredibly easy to be a hero. Just visit Every11Minutes.org today and register to become an organ and tissue donor.

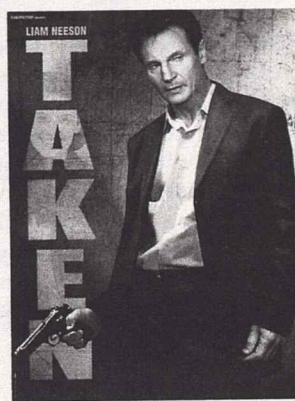
Every 11 minutes another person is added to the organ transplant waiting list. Unfortunately, many people die waiting for a transplant that never comes. When you become an organ and tissue donor, you can save the lives of up to 8 people and greatly enhance the lives of more than 50 others. So be a hero. Register to become an organ and tissue donor today at Every11Minutes.org.

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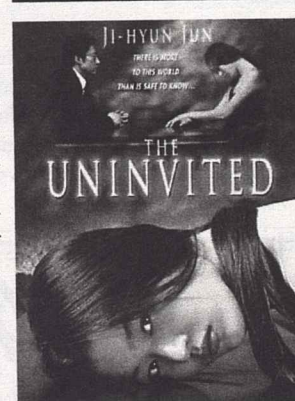
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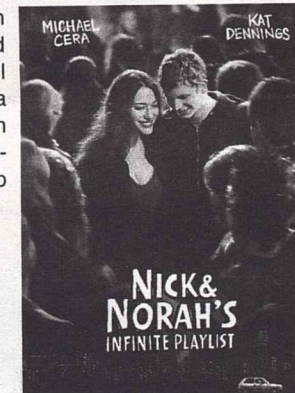
"Taken" | Liam Neeson plays a former government agent whose daughter is kidnapped, or maybe just taken. Regardless, Neeson has 96 hours to find his daughter, in which time fighting, cool stunts and hopefully some explosions ensue. Watch as Neeson lives up to what he says to the kidnappers, "I will find you. I will kill you."



"The Uninvited" | The director of "The Ring" and "Disturbia" brings another work to the screen next week in the form of "The Uninvited." The movie follows a girl who has forgotten how her mother died. As she begins to investigate, she uncovers a mystery surrounding the death of her mother. This should be a good scary movie. Go see it with some friends.



"Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist" | After his roles in "Superbad" and "Juno," Michael Cera returns as a nervous teen who meets the lovely Norah on a night out. They spend their night out looking for a legendary band's show and end up finding love along the way.



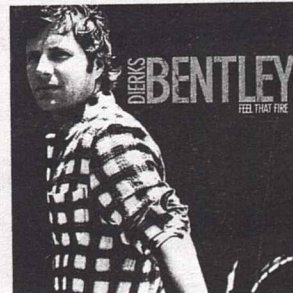
"Zack and Miri Make a Porno" | What do you do when you are broke? Some sell blood and sperm, but Zack (Seth Rogen) and Miri (Elizabeth Banks) have other ideas. Gathering co-workers, strippers and anyone else they can find, Zack and Miri find themselves directing a porno. This movie is as funny as it is inappropriate.

Seth Rogen & Elizabeth Banks made a movie so titillating that we can only show you this drawing.

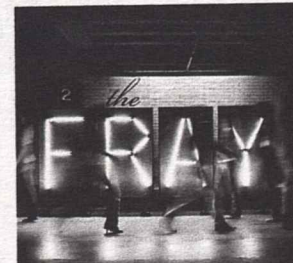


Zack and Miri make a porno

"Feel That Fire" | Country Star Dierks Bentley releases his fifth album Tuesday. His first single, named after the CD, has done well so far. His previous record, "Long Trip Alone," had several successful singles. Expect the same from this album.



"The Fray" | This relatively new band produced four Top 50 hits from their first album. The Fray's self-titled record is their second studio one. Building on the success of the double-platinum album "How to Save a Life," the band has put together another solid collection of songs.



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Nami Asian Bistro

KELLY CROUGHWELL
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It was 7 p.m. on a Tuesday and I was craving decadent sushi at a good price. While I enjoy great sushi, I was tired of waiting, well, forever, for one sushi roller to make my next roll. Rumor of half-off sushi with a student ID on Tuesdays led me to Nami Asian Bistro. My experience was nothing short of perfect.

Initial Impression

I called on my way there to make a reservation, although when I arrived, plenty of seating was available. I was quickly seated in the restaurant that overlooks Lake Hartwell. The atmosphere was young and the staff was friendly. Standing behind the sushi counter was Owner and Chef Tsutomu Fukuhara. Fukuhara was not merely overseeing the restaurant, he was helping his staff make the dishes.

Cuisine

The sushi was unbeatable. There is a good variety and everything I chose was brilliantly executed both tastefully and visually. With each roll half-price, I was able to try a few. I ordered the

Tiger, Samari and Rainbow Rolls. I judge sushi by how fresh it is, and every roll was the freshest I have ever put in my mouth. The Tiger Roll would make any Clemson fan roar. It was clean-cut and tasty without any flavor dominating the dish. If you aren't a sushi fan (yet), try this roll. It has a fresh, light taste that may sway your view on sushi. The Samari Roll, said to be the most popular dish at the restaurant, not only had tuna inside the roll, but wrapped around it, for a creative twist. But nothing topped the visually inventive and delicious Rainbow Roll. It was almost too good-looking to eat.

Final Thoughts

Nami is an absolute gem. The secret to its success is clearly Fukuhara. Fukuhara, a Japan native, has been in the sushi business for decades. His personal touch is evident in his top-notch, creative dishes. Sushi is not just about the fish. It's about the whole experience. This is the best sushi restaurant in the area. I think I'm in love.

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The Missing Page from the Clemson Student Handbook

They don't check I.D.s at football games.

It's okay to stalk people to find a parking space.

Student football tickets are FREE!

The CAT bus isn't a service, it's an inconvenience that makes you late for class.

Parking police are Nazis.

Thirsty Thursdays and 8 o'clocks don't mix.

Clemson news e-mails spam more than most dirty Web sites.

Don't drink the "PJ" at the fraternity parties.

You can't have eggs with BOTH bacon and sausage at Schiletter.

Paw's Diner > Waffle House > Huddle House.

You will spend more money at Java City than on tuition.

Bi-lo will always be out of ping pong balls.

Sports besides football and basketball DO exist.

Make friends with people in your major — it will make life much easier down the road.

If you are sneaky, you can get a full set of silverware from the dining halls.

Don't wear rival clothing on campus.

Chick-fil-a on campus is not open on Saturday.

Always carry an umbrella.

Go to McKissick for free popcorn.

Cut through buildings when it is raining.

WSBF 88.1FM is Clemson's best kept secret.

Use Ratemyprofessor.com.

You can't take fruit or milk from the dining halls.

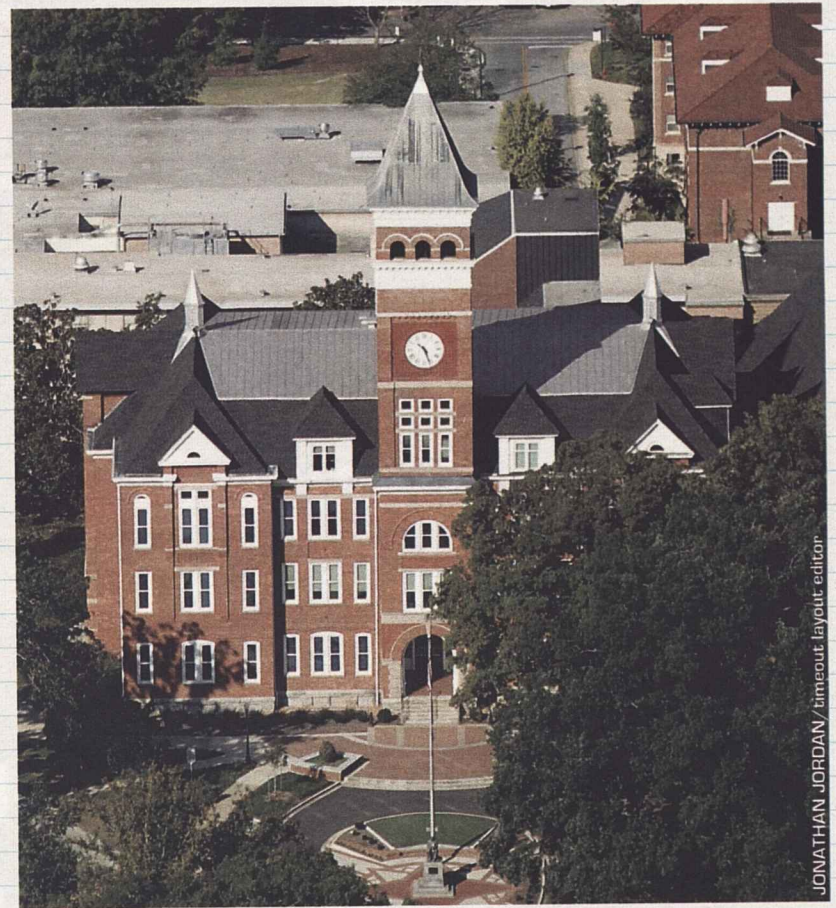
Don't date someone your entire time at Clemson.

Avoid the library bridge during Student Government elections.

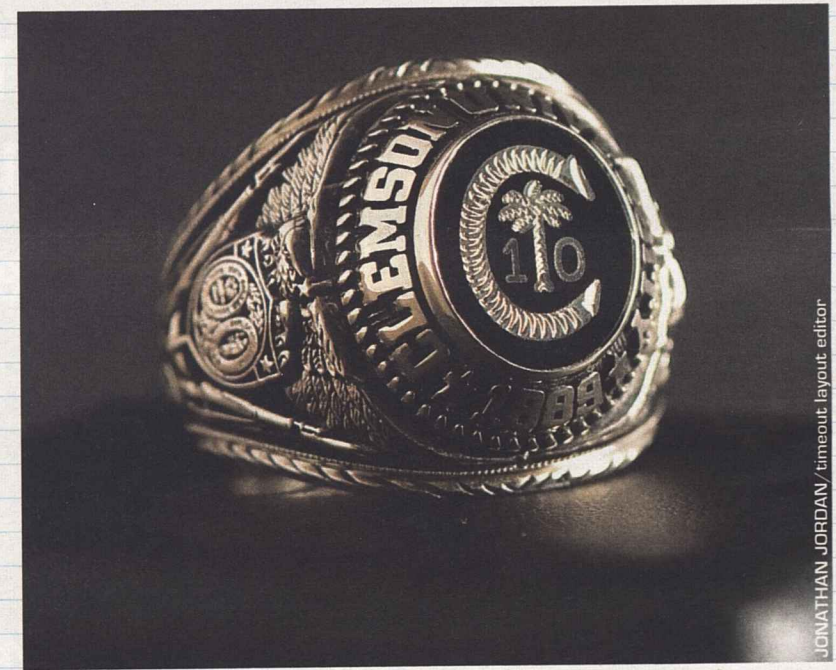
Clemson does not provide a degree in Facebook.

Avoid the library during exam week. You will not find a seat.

Do not depend on the printers in Martin/Brackett/Cooper Library.



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